

# 2019 CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER



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COMMUNITY ACADEMY

## PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

Another year has flown by and it really is hard to believe that Christmas is just around the corner. Many of the new initiatives introduced in 2018 have started to become part of Academy life and it is great to see so many students getting involved with the wider life of the school. Our 250 new subject ambassadors have been busy contributing to the life of their nominated department, over 50 students have been involved with the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme and around 450 students were involved with House sport last year!

In addition, students have been involved in a wealth of activities from the recent election debate, the quadcopter challenge, our annual memorial event, show rehearsals, concerts, Science activities and a whole host of sporting fixtures.

We welcomed our biggest cohort ever into Year 7 this September when 238 students joined the Academy. It is great to see them settling in and managing the step up to 'big school' really well. We continue to develop our paperless systems and many parents have signed up to use the Sims Parent App.

We were particularly pleased with our GCSE results this year, with 68% of our students achieving a grade 4 or above in both English and Mathematics (equivalent to the old C grade at GCSE). Our A Level results were also encouraging, with 97.4% pass rate. So congratulations are well deserved for both of these year groups.

As we head into the festive season I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Happy Christmas and look forward to continuing working with you in the New Year.



*Mrs J Turner – Principal  
Branston Community Academy*

# COMPUTING DEPARTMENT

It has been a busy, and exciting, start to the year for us in the Computing department. We have launched the new Computing Ambassador's programmes of support and enrichment across all Key Stages. The Key Stage 3 Ambassadors have been technical assistants helping us with the very important task of monitoring all classrooms for any technical problems. This has been useful in reducing the number of faults that might slow us down during lessons and making sure that all of our students have fully functioning workstations when they arrive in class. The Key Stage 4 Ambassadors have been giving presentations during extended tutor time to Y8s about staying safe online. The focus of the presentation is to ensure that students understand the responsibilities they have to keep themselves, and others, safe whilst in the wonderful virtual world that we inhabit daily.

Our Gifted, Talented and Able group are doubly fortunate in that one of our Key Stage 5 students, Ben Rymer, has been bringing in his old Oculus for us to try out. It has needed additional hardware, which the departmental budget has stretched to this year and so shortly, once it is fully up and running, we will be looking at how we might write programmes for games.

On Thursday 28th November, a group of us visited Lincoln University to listen to Prof. Brian Winston give a public lecture on fake news, a very important issue for us all to be mindful of (see image below). It was interesting for our students to hear that sensationalising or embellishing, and yes even lying about events, goes right back to the very dawn of journalistic times. Joining us on the trip was Mr Martin, who is our trainee teacher on placement in the department this year. We are glad to have him with us and it is good to see new talent joining the profession.

There has been a change in personnel within the department. As a result of restructuring, Mr Holford, who has been Head of Department for many years has changed roles and is now Branston Community Academy's Head of Digital Developments. He has ably steered us through a myriad of changes and challenges, over many years, and we thank him very much for his service and wish him luck in his new position. We look forward to the new digital developments and improvements for us and our students – no pressure Mr H!



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Mr Li is our new Head of Department and we thank him for taking on this role and appreciate all his efforts and hard work, to date, and for all that he will do in his new role. Many thanks Mr Li and good luck!

## GOOD FOOD SHOW

On Friday 29th November 2019 the Food Department visited the Good Food Show at the NEC in Birmingham. 45 Food students from key stage 4 and 5 went on the visit. The students had the opportunity to visit various displays and stalls, tasting of a range of different foods and watch demonstration from a number of celebrity chefs and collecting of various food samples. At the end of the afternoon they then went into the Super theatre and watched a presentation by the winner of the Great British Bake of Nadiya Hyssain. A very enjoyable and useful day was had by staff and students alike.



Mrs Woods/Mrs Anderson. Joint Heads of Food.



# MERCHANT OF VENICE

Students from Year 8 to 13 recently participated in the Shakespeare Schools Festival at The Drill Hall, Lincoln with their contemporary version of The Merchant of Venice. Solitary Antonio, played sympathetically by Vincent Shaw, enters the silent stage expecting a carnival. We discover that Bassanio, Alex Laughton, is lovesick for Portia. A comical mime is undertaken by Shaw and Laughton depicting the messages of the ensemble's choral speech. The ensemble then reveal that Bassanio may face a challenge to win the hand of Portia and as they are about to leave for Belmont, Shylock enters the stage changing the mood instantly. Matthew Tonge cleverly portrays the sombre character whose haunted demeanour at the outset reflects his negativity as he stalks silently around the ensemble who visibly avoid him.

Lightening the mood for the game show of "Get the Girl" Kristain Pallister encourages the audience to welcome the contestants on stage; the unwilling Portia, played by Shaunna Cheriton and Olivia Flood who played Nerissa. We then meet Haughty Gold, (Sophie Cooper) Sultry Silver (Charlotte Cooper) and Dull Lead (Ayisha Laughton) who hold the keys to the fair Portia's future.

Two suitors try to "Get the Girl" - suave Prince Morocco fittingly represented by Adam Clarkson is heartbroken when his suit is denied. Isaac Lane's comical depiction of the arrogant Prince Arragon leaves a fool when he rejects the correct casket. Adam Hutchinson as Lorenzo risks everything when he falls for Shylock's daughter Jessica, portrayed sensitively by Ella Gillingwater. His risk pays off as she steal's her father's jewels and money when they run away together.

Meanwhile the audience learn that Shylock, having struck an atrocious deal with Antonio, delights in the latter's misfortune when it is alleged his ships have been lost at sea. Matthew Tonge's passionate outcry of joy in Antonio's misfortune is appalling. Tubal (Emily Shiels) celebrates alongside him. The juxtaposition of this epicaricacy and the spurned and outcast character who has lost everything, showcase the range of Tonge's vocal and acting skills both shocking and saddening the audience.



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Notable performances from Gratiano (Tom Kirby) who falls in love and is quick to anger, Solario, (Suzy Stephen) and Salerio (Alfie Stimpson) the gossiping gentlefolk of Venice, conclude as the "gang" get their day in court. Shaw's Antonio is noticeably changed facing certain death due to Shylock's preposterous proposal.



Laughton's Bassanio demonstrates his frustration and anger with a passion in the final scene. Portia cunningly saves the day in true Shakespeare style as Cheriton disguised as a male lawyer reveals the flaw in Shylock's bond.

The performance ends as the ensemble gather to celebrate the success and the "cuckold" is revealed. The ensembles' slow motion move as Kirby (Gratiano) drops Nerissa's ring is accompanied by the track The Shire from The Lord of the Rings soundtrack, delighting the audience.

## DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

As part of their course Year 10 Engineering students attended a Construction Fair at the Lincolnshire Showground where they got a chance to try their hand at a variety of different trades and other activities. This included Town planning, surveying and the favourite activities of the day: Plastering and Bricklaying.

Mr Creasey and Mrs Fry



# SCIENCE

On 21st November some of our gifted and talented year 8 students took part in the annual Project X competition at RAF Waddington. The students had to design and make an aircraft to present at the competition and fly it down a zip wire course to deliver a series of packages from the aircraft at specific locations. Our students this year used The Red Arrows as inspiration for their design and the team have spent the last couple of months working hard on their aircraft. They had a great day at Waddington competing against 10 other Lincolnshire schools, as well as taking part in range of enrichment activities provided by the RAF.

Congratulations to the team: Hannah Bean, Hannah Archer, Maya Wilkinson, Izzy Smith, Maya Blindell, Maxine Ferguson and Stacie Grint on their amazing second place!

Mrs D Thompson, Mr P Fraser



## BCA PRIDE CLUB

Starting January 2020 - Every Thursday lunch time in BE3

It'll be a **safe space** to chat & be involved in raising awareness of LGBT+ issues - **ALL WELCOME**



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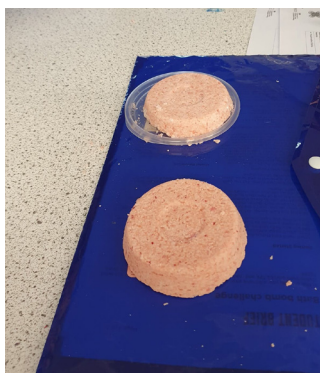
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# SCIENCE CREST AWARD

This year, students from Year 7 & 8 have been completing a science CREST award during lunchtimes under the supervision of Mr Awdry and Miss King. The students were tasked with investigating how to create a bath bomb. After numerous trials of different recipes and concentration of various ingredients each group came up with what they believed was the optimum combination. Each group also created or sourced different moulds to add a final touch to their product with a range of creative shapes taking form! Everyone that took part will receive a Bronze CREST award for their participation, well done to all involved!

Mr T Awdry and Miss H King



For the last 5 weeks, we have been working with the year 5 students at St Johns Primary School in Bracebridge Heath to achieve a Branston certificate for Science. They began with finger printing and understanding its use in Forensic Science. They have then been making glue and testing it to see which type of glue would be the most suitable to make a cart. The students then paired up for a three-week project to design and build their own Santa mobile that can carry a 50g mass whilst travelling a maximum distance. The students will be competing for a prize by testing their designs next week.

Miss H King and Mrs S Chamberlain

# REMEMBRANCE DAY 2019

## A moment to reflect and remember

Students from Branston Community Academy joined the local community, in the service of remembrance, at Branston cenotaph. It was important for the students to take time out to reflect on the greatest sacrifice made by so many of our armed service personnel. Amber, Year 12, read a poem and Gracie, Year 7, laid the wreath on behalf of all members of the Academy. Afterwards students were able to talk to local members of the Royal British Legion, who were reminiscing on the years of service in active conflict.



C Hewerdine

## MOCK GENERAL ELECTION

As the General Election neared, the Academy were involved in their own Mock General Election. Four Sixth Form students chose to stand; they created their own party names, slogans and manifestos. We had: - Manual Labour - a person who is interested in ensuring that there is a balance between hard work and play; Change for Tomorrow – a person who is interested in continuing to create a greater understanding of LGBT and support for those who are in need; the Beacon Party – a person who is keen on exploring the options for industry within the academy – getting out into work placements; Oasis – a person who wants to ensure better mental health provision for all young people. All students were able to choose a party to vote for and ballot papers were put into the black box. Many thanks for Harvey Longman, Amy Morton, Tom Kirby and Amber Pickard who have all taken the time to create a party name and give a short speech in assembly. The winning party will be revealed during the end of term assembly. The winner will then have the opportunity to present their ideas to the Senior Team. Watch this space for more information.



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# QUESTION TIME

Sixth Form students enjoyed a really fabulous opportunity to listen to the candidates from our constituency and ask them questions, in a live debate. Thursday 5th December saw Question Time at Branston Community Academy. The panellists, who included former student Andrew Townsend, were grilled on a range of issues and students demonstrated just how well informed they were.



Topics ranged from the cost of local transport to the very pressing concerns about climate, the challenges of support for those with mental health issues and then a key concern was how to heal divisions within society after a period of such difficulty.

Students had the opportunity to meet panellists afterwards and the discussions continued almost to lunchtime. Once again, our students presented themselves in an articulate, mature and passionate manner. They were a credit to the Academy – they were quite determined to hold our future MP to account.

C Hewerdine



# IN THE PE DEPARTMENT...

## BOYS: YEAR 7 FOOTBALL

'A' Team

County Cup

Round 1: Bye to Branston

### National Cup

Round 1 St George's Academy, Sleaford

Won 7-2

Round 2 De Aston

Won 17-1

Round 3 St Mary's Hull

Lost 0-1

### League

Christ Hospital

Won 5-0

Priory Withan Academy

Won 7-0

Sir Robert Pattison Academy

Won 5-3

ESFA Year 7 5-a side Tournament

CHAMPIONS – Through to Midlands Championship at Derby

### 'B' Team - Friendlies

Branston 2-2 Pembroke

### To Play:

QEHS, William Farr, LSST, Lincoln Castle, NK, County Cup: QEHS

### Current League Record

P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
3	3	0	0	17	3	9



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At the start of the year we ran 2 very successful trials to determine the year 7 A and B football teams. In total around 70 students turned up to either of the trials and the early signs looked very positive for having 2 competitive teams representing Branson this year. Following the trials, it has been extremely encouraging to see such a great turn out at training every Tuesday lunchtime. There has been consistently been over 30 students attending each week trying to improve and get into the A and B teams.

We have been entered into both the national and county cups this year. In the National cup we started our campaign at home to St George's Academy Sleaford. This was our first real test and the team put in a great performance. From the start of the game Branson were on top and dominated possession. Goals from Charlie Carlisle, Max Williamson, Will Waite and Charlie Fish secured a 7-2 victory. In the second round of the national cup, the boys again were focused and up for the game from the start, against an inexperienced team who were playing their first game of the season. This gave the boys even more confidence and by the end of the first half they had beaten De Aston 10-0 and went onto win 17-1. Unfortunately, in round 3 of the national cup, we came up against a strong side at St Mary's school, where from the start it was evident this was the boys' toughest match. St Mary's were physical and pressed hard but again the boys rose to the challenge and had a number of chances to score, hitting the woodwork twice. The boys battled on in the second half, growing in confidence and the match looked like it would go into extra time. But then a questionable decision was given by the referee as a corner came in and he awarded a penalty to St Mary's which they converted. This was the last kick of the game. All of the players and managers of both sides knew the foul was wrongly given, but unfortunately at times that is how the game goes.

In the league the boys have continued their dominance, with two confident wins at Christ Hospital school and against Priory Witham and a hard fought result against RP proved that the boys can match up with most teams both physically and technically, scoring some fantastic goals and never allowing their heads to drop after conceding.

# YEAR 7 FOOTBALL REPORT CONTINUED

Recently players from the A team have also taken part in the local indoor 5 aside football tournament which was hosted at Branston, where other teams from in and around Lincoln would compete to go onto the regional competition which is going to take place in Derby. Again the lads were totally dominant throughout, playing fast football and out-muscling the opponents and were the only team to win every game and end up with a goal difference of +17. As a result, they have progressed to the regional competition out of all of the schools that attended.

The B team also had a friendly against Pembroke, where the lads dominated for much of the match but didn't score all of their chances. Some poor defending led to two poorly conceded goals but the boys battled on to draw 2-2 and overall we were very pleased with the performance. This means that when available, we will continue to organise and run B team matches so that we can continue to monitor players on the fringes of the A team, ready for 11 aside next year.

Overall we have been really pleased with the effort of the boys from both the A and B team and the attitude they come with to every match and training session. They are a fantastic group of individuals who represent the school well and we are very much looking forward to seeing what heights they achieve in the future. Let's hope we can bring home some silverware!

## **Squads:**

### **'A' squad**

Kian Gilbert (Cpt.), Ewan Richardson (v/c), Alfie Stone, Charlie Carlisle, Max Williamson, Will Waite, Henry Rogerson, Charlie Bryant, James Foster, Charlie Fish, Max Burkitt, Harry Weir, Nick Fulcher, Aaron Rowe

### **'B' squad**

Tom Skinner (Cpt.), Jack Pearse, Josh Heathershaw, Joe Durrant, Nieve Taylor, Freddie Whaley, Callam Day, Noah Bennet-Chapman, Theo Stancer-Birch, Mason Gilding, Jack Newton, Harry Peacock, Harry Crowley-Mott, Ciaran Blaize



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# YEAR 8 FOOTBALL

## National Cup

Round 1 Haven High School Won 5-2  
Round 2 Louth Grammar Won 2-0  
Round 3 South Axhlome Lost 0-5

## League

William Farr Won 4-3  
North Kesteven Won 3-0

## To Play:

QEHS, Robert Pattinson, Lincoln Castle Academy, TGA

## County Cup

Stamford

## League

Robert Pattinson, TGA, Lincoln Castle Academy, QEHS, Lincoln Academy

## Current League Record

P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
2	2	0	0	7	3	6

# REPORT

The Year 8 team has had a much improved season in comparison to last year, moving into an 11-a-side structure has definitely improved the dynamics of the team and allowed the boys to play with more structure and solidity. The introduction of Carlisle and Gilbert from Year 7 have also provided strength in depth and allowed other players to be more adventurous and expressive in their play. The boys had an excellent run in the National Cup easily beating Haven High Academy and facing a difficult tie against a strong Louth Academy side in torrential rain but came through to play against South Axholme, this was by far the best team Branston has faced in the past two years and the score line could have been much worse. In the league we have competed well in two fixtures with five more to come in Spring but we are currently undefeated and in high spirits to forge ahead and achieve some more excellent results.

## 'A' squad

S Shephard (Cpt.), B Lines, C Doble, W Gimenez-Codd, B Whitworth, A Taylor, J Middleton, E Jenkinson, C Therabon, H Ingamells, E Noorpuri, C Moore, A Garner, G Hudson, R Turnbull, C Carlisle (Yr 7), Kian Gilbert (Yr 7)



# YEAR 9 FOOTBALL

## Current League Record

P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1	1	0	0	5	1	3

## 'A' Team

### National Cup

Round 1	Priory Ruskin	Won 4-2
Round 2	Healing School	Won 4-1
Round 3	Bourne Grammar	Won 3-1
Round 4	Springwood High School	Won 4-0
Round 5	Neale Wade Academy	Won 5-0
Round 6	Malet Lambert School	

### League

Robert Pattinson	Won 5-1
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### Friendly

St Georges Academy	1-1
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## To Play:

QEHS, William Farr, NK, Robert Pattinson, Lincoln Castle Academy, TGA, LCHS  
County Cup: Caistor Grammar - Friday 10th January

## 'B' Team

### National Cup

Round 1	Bye	
Round 2	Priory Ruskin	Won 4-1
Round 3	Boston Grammar	Won 1-0
Round 4	Malet Lambert School	Lost 1-4

### Friendly

Lincoln Academy	Lost 1-3
Pembroke Academy	Won 2-1

## To Play:

William Farr, Minster,  
Witham Academy

## REPORT

Overall the Yr 9 team have had a very positive start to the season, continuing their growth as a team from Yr 8 and displaying more mental toughness and maturity than in Yr 8. The return of Charlie Stenton to the team and a change in formation has further boosted the squad.



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In the league we have so far only played 1 game against Sir Robert Pattinson Academy. This was a relatively straightforward game, with RP being dispatched 5-1. However, despite the scoreline, we played some good attacking football, but more importantly again looked strong at the back, with RP having a top-class player in their attacking ranks.

We have also entered both the National and County Cup again this year. In the National Cup we have been excellent, starting with a cracking 4-0 victory over a strong Priory Ruskin team. We were the better team, but Ruskin presented a real challenge until deep into the second half, before a brace from Dylan Hearn secured the victory. We then took on Healing School at home and again it was a tough game until our overall class showed through and we went onto a 4-1 victory. Round 3 presented Bourne Grammar, who came with a big reputation. It was a tough, physical game with few chances in the first half. However, we broke the deadlock after half time before being pegged back. Both teams had chances but another brace from Dylan Hearn thanks to 2 Ben Foot assists led us to a 3-1 victory. We then travelled to Kings Lynn too play Springwood High School. It was a tough game against a physical team but we were always in control. An early goal from Kieran Lloyd settled the nerves and we began to run the game. Further first half goals from Ben Foot and Dylan Hearn put us in control and a second half Dylan Hearn goal sent us through to the last 32. Awaiting us there was an away trip to Neale-Wade Academy, near Cambridge. The game started very evenly and they looked very good. However, a Jack Adegboyega strike gave us the lead and we began to play a clever counter attacking game. Dylan Hearn broke through to give us a 2 nil half time lead. In the second half we defended stoutly and attacked cleverly and further goals from Dylan Hearn, Ben Foot and Kieran Lloyd gave us a comfortable 5 nil win and a home tie against Malet Lambert from Hull.

The County Cup will not start until after Xmas where we travel to Caistor Grammar on Friday 10th January.

The numbers at training have continued to be excellent, leading to me continuing the 'B' team. We started with a warm up friendlies against Lincoln Academy and Pembroke 'A' squads. The boys played well in both losing to a strong Lincoln Academy team 4-1 before overcoming Pembroke 2-1. This led to a National Cup game against Priory Ruskin in Round 2 after a first round bye. It was a really tight

# YEAR 9 FOOTBALL REPORT CONTINUED

game and we threatened throughout missing chance after chance. When Ruskin took the lead I feared the worse but suddenly we found our shooting boots and a brace from Cole Marshall helped secure a 4-1 victory. Round 3 saw us take on Boston Grammar in a really physical game with both teams equal in ability and effort. Only a fine Luca Foster effort separated the teams as we withstood a real second half onslaught from Boston to progress to the last 32. In this round we took on Malet Lambert from Hull. This was a tough encounter against a very strong 'B' team. We fell behind to an excellent goal but battled back very well and equalised though Cole Marshall. We then looked the better team but could not make the advantage count and then crucially conceded in injury time in the first half. Again, we fought hard into the second half but our finishing let us down and we were punished by 2 late goals, to go out 4-1. A great effort though to reach the last 32 of the cup.

Overall the boys have continued to progress from last year and are really beginning to mature as a team, becoming more tactically aware and much tougher to play against. Dylan Hearn continues to be a real threat in attack, after breaking the school scoring record last year. Will Day leads the team and marshals the defence very well, while Charlie Stenton and Ben Foot provide a strong and controlled midfield axis. Moving on this season, their future success will depend on them continuing to improve their game management and become still both mentally and physically stronger as an unit. This applies to both the 'A' and 'B' teams.

## **Squads:**

### **'A' squad**

Will Day (Cpt.), Joe Hammerton (v/c), Jack Carlisle, Charlie Foster, Ben Foot, Will Davies, Dylan Hearn, Jack Adeboyega, Harry Somers-Wells, Luke McGill, Sam Ritchie, Kieran Lloyd, Lewis Hyde, Maitiu Clarke, Alex Taylor (Yr 8), Brooklyn Lines (Yr 8)

### **'B' squad**

Josh McGowan (Cpt.), Lewis Hyde (v/c), Ben Eva, Harry Everington, Charlie Bramwell, Harry Stothard, Fraser McCrory, Oli Aiken, Cole Marshall, Adam Flint, Travis Dunwell, Bowen Jones, Tyler Newman, Luca Foster, Maitiu Clarke



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# YEAR 10 FOOTBALL

## 'A' Team

### National Cup

Round 1	St George's Academy, Sleaford - AET	Won 2-1
Round 2	Lincoln Academy	Won 4-2
Round 3	Carres Grammar - Won 5 -4 on pens - AET	Lost 1-2
Round 4	Bourne Grammar	Lost 1-2

### League

William Farr	Lost 0-1
Priory Witham	Won 7-0

### County Cup

De Aston - Postponed
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### To Play:

Lincoln Academy, Robert Pattinson, Lincoln Castle, QEHS

## 'B' Team

### National Cup

Round 1	Priory Ruskin	Won 1-4
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### Friendlies

LCHS - 'A' team	Lost 1-9
TGA Yr 10 & 11 'A' team	Lost 1-10

### To Play: Minster

### Current League Record

P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
2	1	0	1	7	1	3

## REPORT

After our success of winning the league last year in the dramatic last game win at QEHS, the Yr 10 squad came into this season with the pressure of being the league champions. Our first league game was away against William Farr and we played dreadfully, playing like strangers in a 1-0 defeat against a team we beat 7 nil last year. Next up were Priory Witham and we needed to bounce back, or the season was over before it had begun. Fortunately, we did and played well in a comfortable 7 nil victory, highlighted by a change of formation to 3-4-1-2, which worked very well as we passed and moved very well.

# YEAR 10 FOOTBALL REPORT CONTINUED

We also entered the National Cup and we were handed a very tough draw away against St Georges. It turned out as hard as we expected as we fell 1 down before half time. We fought back through a Tom Baker goal and despite missing a penalty, triumphed due to a Callum Thomas goal in extra time. The next round saw us take on Lincoln Academy. Again, it was another tough game, but we always looked the better team and eventually came through 4-2 on the back of an excellent performance by Charlie Whitehill in attack. The third round brought us a home game against Carres Grammar, who has beaten us 5 nil in the County Cup final in Yr 7. We are a completely different team now and it showed in a cracking game, which ended 2 all after Carres equalised with 2 mins to go, after goals from Rhys Firth and Charlie Whitehill. Extra time brought no goals, so we headed to penalties. Callum Thomas, Charlie Whitehill, Tom Baker, Lewis Townhill and Rhys Firth all scored in a 5-4 penalty win. The last 64 presented us with Bourne Grammar, again at home. This was a tough match against a strong Bourne team. To be honest there was nothing between the teams for the whole game and it could have gone either way, with both teams creating chances. Ryan Hewitt was excellent in goal for us but could not stop Bourne taking a 1 goal lead in the second half. We fought superbly and equalised in injury time. Extra time was very tight but unfortunately Bourne snuck a goal and we could not, despite our best efforts, get it back. I was very proud of the boys in defeat, but they were justifiably very disappointed afterwards.

We also entered the County Cup and are due to play away at De Aston School on Tuesday 10th December. Going forward this year the Year 10 team need to maintain the excellent team spirit they have developed during the National Cup run and continue to be mentally stronger and willing to fight fire with fire.

Perhaps best of all has been seeing over 25 boys continue come to training every week. This has pleased me so much that I managed to get 'B' team fixtures against Carres Grammar as a reward for their excellent attendance. Unfortunately, Carres fielded 5 of their 'A' team and it was a mismatch against our genuine 'B' team and we lost 8 nil. This was a great shame as the boys had been really looking forward to it.



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Carres have apologised for this. I am still trying to organise some more games after Xmas but it is proving very difficult, with most other schools struggling to get a genuine 'B' team out to play us. I will continue to try to reward the boys for their excellent commitment

**Squads**

**'A' Team**

Tom Baker (Cpt.), Ryan Hewitt (v.c), Callum Thomas, , George Wallhead, Rhys Firth, Euan Sullivan, Louis Greenwood, Lewis Townhill, Daniel Wilson , Kyle Kennealey, Harvey Cook, Finlay Davis, Reilly Sugden, Charlie Whitehill, Ed Footitt, Will Day (Yr 9)

**'B' Team**

Jovi Staines (Cpt.), Callum Pickard, Connor Barlow, Daniel Stamford, Tom Richmond, Reuben Sansoa-Twells, Owen Batchelor, George Bridge, George Maginess, Freddie Spander, Lucas Johnson, James Barr, Zak Bellamy, Henry Crust, Josh Driver, George Howard, Finlay Turnbull

**YEAR 11 FOOTBALL**

**League**

North Kesteven	Scorers; AJ Cook (2), H Ainslie, C Whitehill & R Firth	Won 5-0
Robert Pattinson	Scorers; AJ Cook (2), E McNulty & N Janutis	Won 4-2
Lincoln Academy	Scorer; AJ Cook (2)	Lost 2-5

**National Cup**

William Farr      Lost 1-3

**Upcoming League Fixtures:**

Witham Academy, QEHS, William Farr, LSST

**Upcoming County Cup Fixtures:**

Deepings

**Current League Record**

P	W	D	L	F	A
3	2	0	1	11	7

# REPORT

The season began on a beautiful evening, perfect for Football, with a home game against a well organised NK side. Dominating the opening exchanges, we duly took the lead when an AJ Cook free kick was fumbled by the NK goalkeeper straight into the path of captain Harrison Ainslie who tapped home. One quickly became two when a poor clearance landed straight at the feet of AJ Cook who finished coolly from 25 yards. Just before half time we scored a third when great hold up play from Nojus Janutis who played in AJ Cook who scored his second of the game. The second half followed much the same path as the first, however it took another 20 minutes to add to the scoring, this time a stunning solo goal from substitute Charlie Whitehill. For the first time in the game Jack Powell was called into action making a great one handed save onto the crossbar to deny NK with their only shot on goal in the game. In the final seconds a hopeful 'hoof' by Rhys Firth was inadvertently deflected into his own net by an NK defender to seal a good 5-0 victory and start to the season. Up next we're RP and we got off to the worst possible start going one nil down inside 5 minutes. The pitch wasn't helping any sort of passing game so we resorted to a more direct route which paid dividends almost instantly as Ewan McNulty, on debut, levelled the scores. Moments later Nojus Janutis finished at the second attempt to send us in 2-1 to the good at half time. The second half started the same as the first with RP scoring with their first attack of the half. The remainder of the game was a case of Branston attack after attack, without finding the net. Then with 15 minutes to play a 30 yard AJ Cook free kick made its way into the top corner to give us the lead, which in truth we never looked like surrendering. In the final few minutes a brilliant run and finish by AJ Cook secured a 4-2 win.

William Farr next in the national cup and a game which we somehow lost, despite taking the lead, being ahead at half time and comfortable. Unfortunately, a couple of individual mistakes cost us and our road to Wembley was over at the first hurdle. A huge game was now upon us, Lincoln Academy, county champions and league winners last year. On a cold Tuesday evening (Not in Stoke) we travelled to face possibly the strongest side in the area. On the night, in a well contested game, we were made to pay for 4 individual errors by a very good side. Despite two goals in the second half from AJ Cook we went down by 5 goals to 2. Although the league is not lost yet, we are now relying on other sides rather than it being in our own hands. With Witham and LSST games being postponed this concluded our fixtures this side of Christmas, meaning a very busy, hopefully successful, period after the festive break.



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# YEAR 11 FOOTBALL SQUAD

## Squad

Harrison Ainslie, AJ Cook, Ryan Hewitt, Freddie Baker, Ewan Sullivan, Alex Fillingham, Eliot King, Jedd Gilbert, Tom Baker, Rhys Firth, Jake Lines, Charlie Whitehill, Harry Mason, Nojus Janutis, Ewan McNulty, McKenzie Greene, Tyler Taylor, Brandon Coates & Jack Powell

## BADMINTON

The Badminton season has started with us entering 9 teams across 5 leagues. I will report on these in the Easter newsletter as circumstances have led to a few games being cancelled and the high majority of the season will occur after Xmas.

## GIRLS: YEAR 7 NETBALL

### Results

BCA	15-0	Witham Academy
BCA	11-4	LCBS

### Current League Record

P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
2	2	0	0	22	6	6

### To Play:

QEHS, Gainsborough, Lincoln Academy, Minster School, Lincoln Castle Academy, Robert Pattinson, LSST, William Farr, QEHS, Gainsborough

## REPORT

It was a promising start to the year when 40 girls signed up for the netball trials and I am pleased to say that over 25 continue to attend training on a regular basis. Beginning with 3 training sessions each week is quite demanding at the start of year 7 but the girls took it in their stride so that they were ready for their first match. We were due to play a friendly against Priory Pembroke Academy but unfortunately they cancelled the game; not a great start! The following week we went on to play against Priory Witham Academy. You never know what to expect in your first game with a new team and they couldn't wait to get started.

# REPORT

They were very calm and kept possession extremely well stringing together passes with ease. The shooting was accurate too with Louisa, Tilly, Niamh and Mila all scoring goals. The defence wasn't particularly tested in this game as the end result was a strong 15-0 victory. A great start to our league campaign.

Our second game proved to be a little tougher and therefore we had to work harder throughout all positions on court. The defence had more work to do during this game and worked hard to keep us in the game. During the first half we were quite evenly matched with Holly having a good tussle against her opponent. We were one goal ahead at half time feeling as though things weren't going all our way but then during the third quarter we found some rhythm when in possession of the ball and the shooters found their form. We ended up with a brilliant 11-4 win; a hard fought game that really tested us.

The third event of the term was a netball tournament in which we could enter as many teams as we wanted to. Due to having so many at training, we entered 3 teams; a success in its own right! Team spirits were high despite the freezing conditions. All teams played 4 matches; Branston Bulls came 3rd in their league, Branston Bears came 5th in their league and Branston Bisons won their league by winning all 4 matches beating William Farr 1, Branston Bears, NK and LSST 2. This took them through to the final, playing against LSST 1 and in 5 minutes, won by 6 goals to nil. Branston Bisons were crowned champions of the tournament. A fantastic evening was had by all and I was proud to take so many keen sports girls to the tournament. Well done all.

## **Squads:**

### **A team:**

Jorja Hamilton (Cpt.), Louisa Whelan (vice-captain), Amelia Greenwood, Mila Staines, Holly Dalzell, Daisy Manfield, Sophie Stenton, Abigail Dawson, Betty Manfield, Tilly Robinson, Erin Challinor, Storm Child, Niamh Kelly, April Lee

### **B team:**

Megan Clawson, Amy Greensmith, Georgina Footitt, Evie Kirk-Melton, Arianna Card, Freya Blackbourne, Emily Brooks, Olivia Byers, Eva Robinson, Evie Garraghty, Jessica Taylor



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# YEAR 8 NETBALL

## Results

BCA	16-4	Minster
BCA	15-6	William Farr
BCA	16-1	LCHS
BCA	15-11	LSST

## Current League Record

P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
4	4	0	0	65	22	12

## To Play:

QEHS, Gainsborough. William Farr, LSST

## REPORT

The girls have started this season the same way they finished the last..... strong and full of potential. New tactical plays have enhanced their creativity and the girls have proven to be highly skilful and proficient across all areas of the court. With strong attacking play from Evie Lount, Stacie Grint and Ellie Mattison and a phenomenal tactical link between Evie Scigala and Georgia Broughton, the girls continue to dominate the attacking third of the court. Outstanding defensive work from Evie Openshaw and Lucy Jenner has led to a partnership that the opposition have found difficult to break through, with the girls often making key interceptions in the circle. An outstanding performance in a challenging league, and, with the toughest match still to come, the girls are driven to continue developing as a team.

## Squad:

Evie Scigala (Cpt.), Georgia Broughton, Chloe Stopphard, Stacie Grint, Evie Lount, Gemma Harrison, Lucy Jenner, Evie Openshaw, Ellie Mattison, Libby Moss, Holly Dalzell (Yr 7)

# YEAR 9 NETBALL

## District Tournament Winners

## County Tournament Runners-Up (Regional Qualification)

## Results

BCA	11-0	Priory Witham
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## Current League Record

P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1	1	0	0	15	0	3



# YEAR 9 NETBALL REPORT

The year 9 netball team continue to train and play with a strong sense of unity, drive and, most importantly, an unfading enjoyment of the game. The girls started the season with two goals in mind – win the league and qualify for regionals. The first match of the league saw the girls take a comfortable victory over Priory Witham. The first step towards winning the league completed. The District Netball Tournament allowed the girls to truly demonstrate their dominance, not only finishing in the top spot undefeated, but did so through scoring 72 goals and only conceding 4. The team were set to face their biggest challenge to date, the County Netball Tournament. The girls were caught by surprise in their first match against a strong opposition, experiencing their first defeat. Winning the rest of their group matches comfortably, the team progressed into the semi-finals. And what a semi-final! At half-time the girls were faced with an uphill battle, 9-2 down with 7 minutes to play. Knowing one more win would qualify them for regionals, the team threw everything into those 7 minutes, defending hard, attacking at pace, remaining disciplined throughout. When the final whistle blew, the girls had made the comeback of the tournament to win 12-10 and qualify for regionals. Goal achieved!

## Squad:

Leah Kennealey (Cpt.), Charlotte Barr, Shannon Alexander, Lucy Adams, Lily Keenan, Ruby Saunders, Emma Green, Katie Wood, Eleanor Applewhite, Libby Christopher, Evie Scigala (Yr 8)

# YEAR 10 NETBALL

## Results

BCA 24-10 Lincoln Academy  
BCA 15-0 NK

## To Play:

QEHS, William Farr, LSST

## Current League Record

P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
2	2	0	0	39	10	6



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# YEAR 10 NETBALL REPORT

The year 10 netball team started the season with a great win over Lincoln Academy 24 - 10. Despite the score it was a tough game but our superior play won through. The following game was very easy win with a 15 - 0 win over NK. The game was called after the first 10 mins as we had already reached the 15 goal difference. The girls next 3 games will be played between February half term and Easter.

## Squad:

Olivia Carter, Laura Hall, Shaira Lacia, Freya Atkinson, Ruby Whitworth, Leah Baynes, Brianna Atkins-Snell, Issy Dixon, Naomi Kirkby

## YEAR 11 NETBALL

### Results

BCA 20-23 William Farr  
BCA 18-3 LCHS  
BCA W/O LSST (LSST forfeited)  
BCA 16-1 Robert Pattinson

### Current League Record

P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
4	3	0	1	57	27	9

### To Play:

QEHS, Gainsborough

## REPORT

The years 11 girls unfortunately started the season with a defeat to Will Farr, going down 23-20. It was a close fought game but unfortunately their excellent shooting was the decisive factor. The second game proved far easier and the girls beat LCHS 18 -3, with the game being called at half time as we had achieved the 15-goal differential. The third game against LSST was cancelled by LSST and they forfeited the game. Their fourth game against RP was an easy win 17 - 1 after the first 10 mins. Again, the game was called at this point and the girls switched positions and played a further 2 quarters. The final game against QEGS is scheduled for March so I hope to report a final win in the Easter newsletter. The team also took part in the District Netball Tournament, where they reached the final. Sadly the vastly improved William Farr team beat them again to become District champions.

## Squad:

Katie Christopher, Amber Pickard, Charlotte O'May, Isla Sullivan, Alice Tissier, Laura Hall, Shania Lacia, Freya Atkinson

# UNDER 15s HANDBALL GIRLS

## District School Games Runners Up (County Qualification)

### League Results

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BCA 8-6 QEHS

The girls' game play continues to develop from strength to strength. With creativity and assertion developing amongst the players, along with a greater degree of structure coming through, the girls are becoming a united force. The games have seen stunning drives from Ruby, Naomi and Emily to secure goals, with a formidable defensive force from Summer, who works tirelessly to cover the ball, backed up by some fearless goalkeeping from Goda. Passing and movement has become faster and more efficient, with the girls showing increasing poise when put under pressure. With some new faces appearing at training, this team has a lot of potential and should challenge that County tournament title.

### Squad:

Summer Paling (Cpt.), Goda Janutyte, Gracie Meldrum, Naomi Kirkby, Amy Dixon, Emily Gregory, Ruby Saunders, Lucy Adams, Izzy Dixon, Erin Shasby

# UNDER 15s HANDBALL BOYS

## District School Games Winners (County Qualification)

### League Results

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BCA 12-10 QEHS

The boys have demonstrated great efficiency in strengthening their tactical understanding within handball, helped by the high level of proficiency in their skills. Facing tall opposition in the District School Games final, the team stuck rigidly to their defensive formation, forcing their opponents back down the court and limiting them to deep shots. With powerful shots being launched, newly selected goalkeeper Zak Bellamy made it almost impossible for the opposition to get the ball into the back of the net. With their attacking play developing in creativity and pace, the team were able to take advantage of every gap offered by the opposition defence, driving it to shoot from all angles, racking up the goals to take the victory and qualify for the County tournament.

### Squad:

Tom McCartney (Cpt.), Tom Baker, Daniel Wilson, Rhys Firth, Tom Kirk-Melton, Zak Bellamy, Ryan Hewitt, Louis Greenwood, Ethan McManus, Euan Sullivan, Ben Foot



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# PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORTS FESTIVALS

High-5:	St Johns
Sports hall games year 1 and 2:	Millfield
Sports hall games years 3 and 4:	Branston

Within PE at Branston, we have been running a sports volunteering programme in order to provide students with the opportunity to develop their teamwork, communication and organisational skills. Since September, Branston students have been involved in the successful running of a number of primary sports festivals, including high-5 netball and the sports hall games, along with dedicating time to help coach young children during their swimming lessons at Heron's Fitness, as part of this programme. The Branston students continue to be a true credit to the Academy, demonstrating the ability to adapt to working empathetically with much younger children in a variety of settings. Without the hard work and dedication of all the students involved, these sporting opportunities would not exist for the primary schools.

## HOUSE SPORT

It has been a busy term for House Sport with fixtures in 'A' and 'B' Football, Netball and Benchball. The results are as follows:

### 'A' FOOTBALL

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

**Overall: Trojans**

### BENCHBALL

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

**Overall: Spartans**

### 'B' FOOTBALL

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

**Overall: Trojans**

### NETBALL

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

**Overall: Trojans**

# 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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