

WINTER 2022 NEWSLETTER



BRANSTON
COMMUNITY ACADEMY

PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

Another year is flying by and it really is hard to believe that Christmas is just around the corner, particularly given the very mild weather. It has been a much more 'normal' year without the usual Covid restrictions and routines. We are holding all of our parents and carers events face-to-face this year and have added additional opportunities for parents and carers to drop in for an informal chat with the SENDCO and SLT. The evenings held so far have been really well attended, giving everyone an opportunity to catch up.

We have been focusing on our Academy values: kindness, respect, aspiration, resilience and community. These have been identified by students and staff as being important to life at the Academy. We hope that members of our community will aim to live out these shared values and we will support them in doing so.

It is great to see so many students getting involved with the wider life of the school. Our 250 subject ambassadors have been busy contributing to the life of their nominated department, nearly a quarter of Year 9 students have signed up for the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Scheme and many other students are involved in a whole host of extra-curricular activities and teams. In addition, students have been involved in a wealth of activities from the recent debate with our MP, the Project X challenge, anti-bullying week, show rehearsals, music events and a number of charity days – plus many more which you will read about here.

We welcomed another big cohort into Year 7, it is great to see them settling in and managing the step up to 'big school' really well and we are looking forward to getting to know them and their families.

We were particularly pleased with our GCSE results this year, with 73% 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 99.1% 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*



ART DEPARTMENT

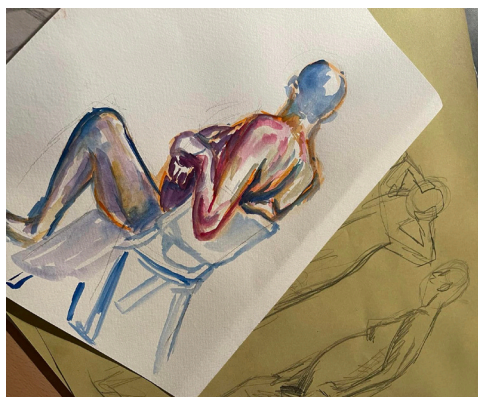
It has been another busy period within the Art department. We have welcomed our fantastic new art teacher Mrs Marnie to the department. She has already set up a very popular KS3 art club and has settled in well.

We took our year 13 students to London for a trip, we soaked up the culture with a visit to the Tate and Tate modern. The students found the visit a great opportunity to gather inspiration for their personal investigation.

The year 12 and 13 also had a great opportunity to experience some life drawing. The students were mature and used the opportunity to create some great studies for their portfolios.

Year 10 visited Tattershall Farm Park earlier in the term, which links in with their Farm life graphics project. We were able to gather some great observations for their work and the students worked on rebranding the Farms logo. The highlight of the trip was students participating in some goat walking!

It has been great to get students back into galleries and giving them some fantastic opportunities.



WALK AND TALK



Walk and Talk Or as some like to call it Bimble with Biscuits or Hot Chocolate and Chatter!

Since returning in September, we have completed 5 sessions.

Each one has been completely different. We have watched the seasons change and talked about so many things. We never have to start the chat, it just happens and we have covered topics including food, drink, TV, animals and the difference between different countries. We had representatives from 3 different countries and it was a tightly fought battle to decide who had the best TV programs.

The sessions are very much led by the students and one week one of our regulars chose the route and led the students around it.

Over the Winter we are limiting our walks to the school grounds and incorporating hot chocolate, which the students are preparing using the camping stoves. Our first session like this ended up with ghost stories being told as the light faded and the water boiled.

It is always a lively session and new friends have been made by those joining us.



YEAR 10 AND 11 TRIP TO CONSTRUCTION WEEK

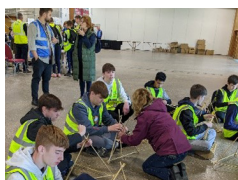
Year 10 and 11 trip to Construction week at Lincolnshire Showground

On the 28th and 29th September Mrs Fry and Mr Owen took our Engineers up to the showground for a taste of what a career in construction could be like.

On the Wednesday with Year 10's we were able to have a go at block paving, landscaping, plumbing and ballistae launching with the Army. A particular highlight was building a house out of Lego, along with all the freebies such as water bottles and pens that the students collected!

With the year 11's we were treated to building giant tetrahedrons, bird boxes, scaffolding, carpentry and road marking. The bird boxes all turned out remarkably well, although some were slightly more abstract in their design!

The year 10's came away with 4 medal winners overall: Ethan Winfield, Ryan Saunders, Preston Shane Scaife and Euan Benson. They wore their medals proudly on the bus home.



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THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

The 2022 – 2023 DofE season has kicked off with a bang!

We've recruited a record number for Bronze students, with nearly 50 students enrolled and starting their very own DofE adventure. For some they have taken on the challenge head first and are already starting to complete all three of their external activities, a skill, a physical challenge and a Volunteering opportunity. We're very proud that we have managed to appeal now to so many new students as well as retaining some of the older students onto the higher levels. With a new intake of Silver participants ready to start their journey to the peak district where next May/July we will be running their Silver expedition. Its too soon to say how these new Bronze students will do but our initial feeling from training and start up sessions is that they will be fantastic and progress further than any group yet. With dates set for expeditions this year and training starting after Christmas, watch this space for more DofE updates.

YOUNG ENTERPRISE

2022 sees the re-introduction of Young Enterprise to Branston Community Academy with 7 of our Year 12 students taking on the challenge. Harry Cowling, Travis Dunwell, Lewis Foster, Jensen Hughes, Isaac Martin-Bensley, Finn Reynolds and Sam Ruedisueli are working tirelessly behind the scenes to build a business and launch it to sell products to make a profit, let us introduce Radiance Candle Company. Having completed extensive research about a range of products, they have decided to produce and sell different scented candles, all will be made from wax 'offcuts' from a supplier to allow sustainability to be at the forefront of everything they do. This business will run throughout year 12 with the cumulation in April 2023 of a regional competition with other schools to pitch and present their business to a panel of judges and hopefully win awards!



Keep your eyes peeled for the team selling their products online and in the local area, they would appreciate the support!

MUSIC AND PERFORMANCE WORKSHOP

with Heather Benson and Crauford Thomson



On Tuesday 6th September, the Music Department began the school year with a whole day workshop for GCSE and A Level students, to help their performance coursework and broaden their approach to future careers.

Heather and Crauford from the Lincolnshire Music Service held presentations, performance

and music related activities for the whole group throughout the day. They discussed their personal career paths and tips and tricks for being on stage. The day reflected on values such as confidence, technique, passion and teamwork.

Student reviews were very positive.

"I found that the presentation about career paths was extremely helpful. It opened my eyes to how achievable multiple career paths were and it was definitely my favourite part of the workshop. I really enjoyed the fact that music can take you all around the world - something I want to do."

Heather and Crauford were really helpful and interesting to listen to, learning about their life and how they got where they are today.



The performance workshop was helpful as I struggle with confidence on stage. They gave me tips on how to introduce myself- which will help my future performances.

Working with other students on a lyric performance of "The Raggle Taggle Gypsies" felt a little out of my comfort zone, but we ended up doing it pretty seamlessly. Also, the Sixth form music students showed good progression in their second performance while we were busy doing the poem.
-Tom (a GCSE music student)



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The careers presentation was enjoyable, with sprinkles of humour from Crauford and new information about military musicians from Heather.

Their performance was incredible. They both played wonderfully and their joy of working together really shone through in their music.

By the end of the show, we were all stamping and clapping along, with Crauford leading!

My favourite part of the workshop had to be the end performance, everyone together on stage. As a singer, it felt great to be encouraged by everyone, and encourage the younger students around me.

It really made my day. - Em (a GCSE music student)

PERFORMING ARTS - LONDON VISIT

The Performing arts department took 32 students from years 10,11,12 and 13 to London for an action-packed visit. We started off with a backstage tour of the famous Globe theatre on the Southbank which was a fascinating look into how theatre was performed in Shakespeare's day. After a look around Covent Garden we watched the spectacular performance of Back to the Future. The following day we started off with a memorable workshop on the stage at the Fortune Theatre. This was a great experience to work on a raked stage in a small theatre where students worked on building tension in performance work. The next workshop was completely different and at the famous Pineapple Studios where students were taught by a member of the cast of Back to the Future learning a routine they had seen in the show. We finished off the visit back at the Fortune Theatre to watch the much-anticipated performance of Woman in Black. Our students were inspired from the experience of watching live theatre and talking to professional performers about their experience of the performing arts industry.

WE WILL ROCK YOU

Students are working very hard for the school musical 'We Will Rock You' which they will be performing during the week commencing February 6th. Tickets will go on sale at the end of January. leadership.

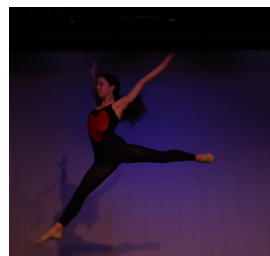


CHRISTMAS SHOW

The music and Performing arts departments joined forces for the annual Christmas show on Thursday 1st December. The evening was a fantastic celebration of the talented students we have in dance, drama and music.

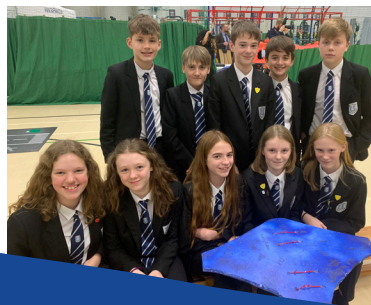
SHAKESPEARE SCHOOLS FESTIVAL

Students from across the years successfully performed the very challenging Shakespeare play The Merry Wives of Windsor as part of the National Shakespeare's School Festival. The students worked exceptionally hard to create a comical entertaining production which they performed at the Drill hall Lincoln on the 15th November to an enthusiastic audience of family and friends.



PROJECT X 2022

Project X returned after a 2-year covid absence this October/November. Project X is a STEM design and engineering challenge across Lincolnshire schools run by RAF Waddington. The objective is to build a plane that can drop two separate survival packages (containing eggs) to stranded RAF personnel either side of a mountain without breaking.



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The plane had to be designed to certain dimensions, be able to fly several missions and land safely. From when the group first met, they had about six weeks to design and build their aircraft. The first two weeks were about bringing ideas together, looking at previous planes to see what we could build in a few short lunch breaks. The team were given advice and support along the way by WO Mick Cranston and FS Mark Bailey to whom we owe a big thankyou!

Everyone pulled together with the plane build and testing of the packages (dropping out of the Science lab windows from the first floor) and after a bit of last-minute sticking, sawing, drilling and painting the plane was ready! The team arrived at RAF Waddington on the day of the challenge ready for action. The first challenge was the Dragons Den where the team were quizzed about there design and suitability for the task. After this they had several practice runs to help determine where the packages should be released so that they dropped on target.

The main competition runs were in the afternoon. We were up second and on both runs we hit the targets. Once the overall scoring was done, we unfortunately didn't make the cut for the 'fly off' which was eventually won by Sir William Robertson Academy.

Prizes were presented by Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex at the end of the day. During the visit he spent time speaking with the Branston team, quizzing them on their ideas and after a cheeky request signed our plane!



VALUES

In September, we launched our new academy values: kindness, respect, aspiration, resilience and community. All staff in the academy can nominate a student for a values award and it has been wonderful to read through almost 300 nominations to date! We are looking forward to presenting our first 'Principal's Values Awards' in our Christmas assemblies.

As part of our Personal Development programme, in assemblies and 'Thought for the Day', students have been reflecting on how our academy values uphold wider British Values and link to important issues in society. Themes this term have been Black History Month, Peace and Human Rights.



We are proud to be an academy with community at its heart, so it was our pleasure to support Branston Foodbank which is a fantastic resource supporting families in Branston and surrounding villages. We were overwhelmed by your kindness and generosity in donating items and over £300 cash– this will make such a difference to members of our wider community in these challenging times.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2022

Across the country, school communities were united in support of Anti-Bullying Week 2022, which took place between 14th and 18th November. The theme this year was 'Reach Out' and was an important reminder that we all have the power to make a change for good and to reach out in whatever way we can, to eradicate bullying from our communities.

On Monday, we wore odd socks to show we celebrate diversity and what makes us unique. Then, throughout the week students worked with their tutors to create a tutor group pledge, and to write individual pledges for our whole school anti-bullying display.

One of our core values is community; we know that when we are united, we are stronger. This display will be a visual reminder that together, we pledge to be united against bullying.



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BCA CHARITIES - 2022 - 2023

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 MACMILLIAN CANCER SUPPORT

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

#HelloYellow
YOUNG MINDS

£250

**BRANSTON
FOOD BANK**

£313

£350



BBC

**Children
in Need**

Supporting
**WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT**

£486



£1,300+
IN TOTAL

IN THE PE DEPARTMENT... FOOTBALL

YEAR 7

A Team

County Cup Round 1: BCA 2-3 W Farr

To Play

SRPA, NK, PCLA

National Cup

Round 1: Branston 7 – 1 Pembroke

Round 2: Branston 4 – 0 Haven High

League

Branston 10 – 0 Witham

'B' Team - National Cup

Round 1: BCA 7 – 1 St George's, Sleaford

Round 2: BCA 0-1 Boston Grammar

Report

The Year 7 squad has made an excellent start to life representing Branston Academy. It was fantastic to see so many turn up for the initial trials and for the continued attendance at football training throughout the year come rain or shine. The standard has been very high this year with a strong A and B team in action with other students previously not in the teams pushing hard for the places.

The season started exceptionally well for both teams matching each others scores with 7-1 wins in the National Cup against Pembroke A's and St George's B teams. Acknowledgement needs to go to Layton Dixon who scored all 7 goals for the B team with excellent forward runs and a cultured set of finishing. The A team showed a solid and mature all round performance looking like a team who had played together for a long time and not just a week. The A Team continued this form into their first league game with a 10-0 drubbing of a good Witham side with some superb performances by captain Cai Coupland and Joel Freeman.



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The next round of the National Cup produced an away game at Kings School which turned into a very tight game with two evenly matched teams. Kings took an early 2-0 lead and looked to be running away with the game. After half time the boys took the game by the scruff of the neck and dominated play with Tom Pappini and Elliott Cavill terrorising the back line and again some exquisite finishing taking the game into extra time at 2-2 finally finishing in a tense penalty shootout 5-4 win.

Unfortunately then followed losses for the B Team in the National Cup going down 1-0 in another tight game to Boston Grammar School and for the A Team a 3-2 loss in the 1st round of the County Cup to William Farr. Both games could have gone either way but have taught the team a lot.

The A Team bounced back just days later taking them through to the 5th round of the National Cup after beating Haven High 4-0.

We now look forward to the league restarting in February and our next adventure in the National Cup whoever they may be.

Squad's

- 'A' Squad Cai Coupland ©, Jacob Barton, Tom Pappini, Josh Stenner, Theo Caller
Christiano Frangeskou, Jack Codd, Elliot Cavill, Joel Freeman,
Will Middleton, Charlie Grace, George Bennett
- 'B' Squad Cameron Stocks, Leo Knibbs, Tom Skinner, Leo Bruce, Billie Garrick
Noah Rousseau, Fin Loughton, Ethan Reeves, Alfie High, Layton Dixon
Isaac Edmonds, Jack Phiollips-Holder, Alfie Bates, Jack Austin
Brett Childs, George Nixon

Current League Record

P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1	1	0	0	10	0	3

YEAR 8

'A' Team

County Cup: Branston 9-0 Somercotes

To Play

SRPA, NK, PCLA

National Cup

Round 1: Branston 2-4 St George's, Sleaford

League

Branston 15-0 Minster

'B' Team - National Cup

Round 1: Bye

Round 2: Branston 6-3 Priory Ruskin

Round 3: Branston 4-3 on pens: 2-2 AET Boston Grammar

Round 4: Branston 4-0 St Ivo Academy, St Ives

Report

Overall, it has been a very quiet start to the season, partly due to a lack of games and partly because of defeats in the 1st rounds of both National and County Cup. We started the season with a very positive 9 nil victory over Minster school, with 2 goals each from Jack Clifford and Finley Dobson helping us on our way. We then drew St George's, Sleaford in both the National and County Cup. We met first in the National Cup at BCA and to be honest we were poor in the first half as we lost the physical battle and made some key mistakes, as we fell 4 behind. We were a different team after the break and soon pulled 2 goals back. We dominated but could not break down a strong St George's defence. 2 weeks later we were at St George's in the County Cup. It was a great game with Cole Dobson giving us the lead in the second half and St George's equalising in the last 10 mins. No goals were scored in extra time and it headed to penalties. Sadly we lost 4-2.



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The 'B' team also entered the National Cup at 'B' level and got a tough draw away at Boston Grammar school. We battled hard but Boston were bigger and stronger and deservedly progressed.

We now focus on the league, when it returns in February as we try to retain the league we won last year.

Squad's

'A' Squad E Atkinson ©, J Southwick (v/c), H Mitchell (v/c), J Northing, J Pepper, C Dobson. E Quinlan-Jones, F Newton, T Nicholson, T Vick-Falkinder, A Coe, N Watling, F Challis, C Coupland (Yr 7), T Pappini (Yr 7), J Freeman (Yr 7)

'B' Squad Z Todd ©), B Sims (v/c), J Chase, A Chase, O. O'Neill, G Openshaw, E Griffin, E Gash, B Hutchinson, N Pogson, J Swann, G Ulyatt, J Taylor, F Challis, J Eatough, C Ruffle, F Harris, J Jeffries

Current League Record

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

YEAR 9

A Team

County Cup: Lost 4-2 on Pens: 2-2
St George's, Sleaford

National Cup

Round 1: Branston 5-0 Pembroke

To Play

NK
SRPA
PCLA
Witham

League

Branston 9-0 Minster

'B' Team - National Cup

Round 1: Branston 0-4 Boston Grammar School

Report

It has been a very quiet start to the season with only 1 league game being played. This was a comprehensive 15 nil win over Minster school, with Ed Atkinson scoring 8 and Alfie Coe with 3 on the bench. However we have been playing in both the National and County Cup, as well with a mixed degree of success.

In the National Cup, the 'A' team started well with a strong 5-0 victory over Pembroke Academy. This set up a tie against Haven High school. Unfortunately, we had to postpone the original date due to illness and despite many attempts to re-arrange Haven High would not agree to a date and were awarded the game via a technicality of the rules. This was very disappointing and I really feel for the team, who missed out on this competition. Better news in the County Cup where another hat trick from Ed Atkinson pushed us to a convincing 9-0 victory over Somercotes and through to a meeting with in Round 2.

We also entered a 'B' team into their own National Cup and we started well with a very exciting 6-3 win over Priory Ruskin with goals from Oli O'Neill, Oli Sims, Ben Hutchinson, Alfie Chase and 2 own goals. This was followed with a cracker against Boston Grammar that was evenly matched and ended 2 all AET, mainly thanks to some stunning saves from Finley Challis in goal. Penalties followed and Finley was at it again saving 2 as we scored all four to go through. We then travelled to St Ivo Academy in Cambridgeshire. After a 2hour journey down, we played superbly.



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Oli O'Neill put us one up at half time and we took control with a superb second half performance, where we added 3 goals through Oli O'Neill, Alfie Chase and Zach Todd. We now await the next round draw.

Overall, it has been a positive start from the team but to be honest it has been slightly disappointing in terms of fixtures. That should improve after Xmas.

Squad's

'A' Squad M Cobbett ©, W Clements (vc), O Hyde, J Crowley-Mott, J Birch, F Dobson, L Leahy, T McGowan, M Holmes, J Clifford, J Kennealey, A Smith, T Tasker, G Loakes, E Atkinson (Yr 8), C Dobson (Yr 8)

'B' Squad J Crowley-Mott ©, T McGowan (v/c), L Edison, J Cook, J Rawling, T Horton, D Warner, R McCormick, H Ward, J Barker, B Gardiner, O Strowger, S Whiteley

Current League Record

P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1	1	0	0	9	0	3

YEAR 10

A Team

County Cup: Branston 2 -0 Boston Grammar
Branston v

To Play

SRPA
PCLA

National Cup

Round 1: 2-2 Carres Grammar ; BCA won 4-3 on pens
Round 2: 1-7 Humberston Academy

League

Branston 11-0 Minster
Branston 10-1 NK

'B' Team - League

BCA 2 – 0 NK
BCA 0 -3 SRPA
BCA 0-2 PCLA

To Play

Minster

National Cup

Round 1: Branston 0-4 Boston Grammar School
Round 2: BCA v QEHS, Horncastle - walkover
Round 3: BCA 0-6 Redborne, Bedford

Current League Record

P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
2	2	0	0	21	1	6



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YEAR 11

A Team

County Cup: BCA 1-1 Deepings:
Lost 5-4 on pens

To Play

PCLA, NK, Witham

League

Branston 2-1 SRPA

Report

The year 11 season got underway at the end of September with a home league fixture against, SPRA. We dominated the opening exchanges and took the lead when a Brooklyn Lines free kick was headed home by Charlie Carlisle. Soon after maxwell Williamson made it two and for some reason we then stopped playing any kind of attacking football, however we were caused little problems by SRPA. In the closing stages, SPRA only shot on target made the final score line look much closer than the game actually was. With three games left to play the aim is to finish in the top two of this mini league and progress to the area semi-finals, something we 'should' comfortably achieve.

Our only other fixture saw us entertain Deepings from Bourne in the county cup. On what can only be described as a horrible day, we went behind early only to be awarded a penalty within minutes, unfortunately, Alex Taylors strike went well wide! Just before half time a Seb Shepherd strike from distance beat the keeper to send us in 1-1 at the break. The second half was end to end but with no further goals the game went to penalties. In a shootout which lacked quality, we were finally beaten 5-4 after 16 penalties were taken. Cup exit, but the league was always the priority.

Squad's

'A' Squad Brooklyn Lines ©, Euan Richardson, Alfie Garner, Rhys Turnbull, Callum Moore, Christos Therabon, Seb Shepherd, , Charles Doble, Alex Taylor, George Hudson, Melissa Riley & Charlie Carlisle (yr 10), James Foster (yr 10), Maxwell Williamson (Yr 10)

Current League Record

P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
2	2	0	0	21	1	6

YEAR 12/13

National Cup Results

QEHS 1-0 BCA

Friendly Results

BCA 5-2 QEHS Horncastle

Report

Resurrecting the 6th form football team after a few years, we travelled to face an excellent QEHS side in that national cup, with little expectation we played incredibly well, captained superbly by Tom Baker and only went down by one goal to nil. This performance led to a desire to arrange further games, the first of these was against QEHS Horncastle, despite going behind early, we quickly turned the game around and through Charlie Whitehill (3) and Dylan Hearn (2) ran out winners by five goals to two. Future games are on the horizon after Christmas, beginning with an away trip to Carres Grammar.

Squad

Tom Baker ©, Charlie Foster, Joe Hammerton, Harry Somers-Wells, Kyle Kennealey, Sam Ritchie, Charlie Whitehill, Ben Foot, Dylan Hearn, Sam Dowling, Dan Wilson, Fran Keyworth, Harry Donner & Ben Eva



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YEAR 7

Report

An amazing and enthusiastic start for year 7 netball this year! A squad of 16 have been training and playing friendlies but I am delighted to say that we have had up to 30 coming to training during the first term. There is an incredibly high standard amongst the year 7's this year. Congratulations to Molly Clifford and Katy Adams for being selected for the County squad; a wonderful achievement. In addition to Molly and Katy, I believe we have a strong squad this year. I rarely select 15 players to be part of the first few matches, but that is what has happened this year, so well done to everyone for making decisions difficult! We have played 2 friendly matches this term v QE Gainsborough and William Farr School; 2 of our strongest rivals. The girls have played with a tremendous team spirit and they have worked together beautifully as a team. With continued hard work and dedication to training, I have high hopes once our league campaign opens in January. A great first term, well done.

Results of friendlies

BCA 26 – 3 QE

BCA 12 – 3 William Farr

Squad

Katy Adams (captain), Molly Clifford, Lottie Negus-Hill, Evie Suckling, Faye Skelland, Sophie Wilson, Teghan Bradley, Odette Stancer-Birch, Jonie Bolland, Holly Foster, Caitlin Kent, Amy Davis-Wilkins, Holly Bostock, Maisie Parker, Ellie Knott

YEAR 8 NETBALL

League

QEHS 1-0 BCA

Friendly Results

Branston 10 – 12 LSST

Branston 9 – 6 QE

Branston 19 – 3 CASTLE

Report

From the beginning the year 8's have been eager to get back to the court. Dedication to training has been without a doubt superb, every after school and lunch time possible. Our first game against LSST soon approached, with the first half becoming panicked and fast passes. In the first quarter the girls were 5-1 down, after an encouraging captain talk from Freya the second quarter was calm and had plenty of thoughtful passes down the centre third. The girls showed a strong presence from defence to attack in the last two quarters, with Jess and Emily creating options in the centre third. Imogen working hard in Goal Defence and Evelyn in the last quarter charging forward into space. Freya received both oppositions players and managers, and Imogen receiving players player for her hard work in defence. Unfortunately, we lost by two points, however after the first quarter the girls played remarkably.

Our first league game against SPRA approached and this time we were joined by two year 7 students; Molly Clifford and Evie Suckling. Again, the team had a panicked start and was not thinking about their passes. Then after the second quarter they went back to playing 'Branston Netball', all players were calm, focussed and creating space. Neveah, Freya and Evie creating a strong attack. By the second quarter we were winning 14-3. Emily, Jess and Amelia remaining calm in the centre third. Both Imogen and Molly creating a strong defence to support Elizabeth. Molly and Evie were nothing short from exceptional additions to this team, every single player for this match worked hard and listened to coaching tips from training. By the end of the third quarter were comfortably winning 23-3, so we decided to have some fun and put Freya in defence (anyone who knows Freya can imagine her face). We even had Jess and Molly in attack (both scoring and their faces were as shocked as mine). Score at the end of the game 25-3. Molly received players player and Freya receiving both managers and oppositions players. Year 8 you played exceptionally.



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New additions Phoebe, Caitlin, Nancy and Amy joined us for our third game, creating more options in defence. The third game being against QE. The girls started strong, and so did QE. The girls stayed focussed and calm, with the help from Mrs.Foot reminding them to not do a banana (Netball term we use...). The girls were formidable from each third of the court. Resulting in a 9-6 win to Branston.



Our last game of the term against Castle arrived and we were eager to go. Again, our downfall being a panicked start and matching how the opposition play in the first quarter. We were winning, but not playing how we play.

10-2 by the end of the second quarter, our centre players remaining calm and using the time they had for players around them to gain space. Freya, Neveah and Evelyn working effortlessly in attack. Elizabeth and Imogen Hobbs making it difficult for opposition to receive the ball in the D. Both Amy and Nancy taking on new roles in defence and subbed players on the side line encouraging them was great to see. Out of nowhere Evelyn receiving shoulder passes over the GK straight to her, turning round scoring effortlessly! The final score, 19-6 and the girls played outstanding. Players player Evleyn, Opposition player Freya and Managers player to Emily.

A strong and focussed start to Netball, looking forward to next term!!

Current League Record

P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1	1	0	0	25	3	3

YEAR 9 NETBALL

U14s District Tournament 5th Place

The squad have shown great commitment to training during the first part of the season. With a few new additions to the squad, the girls have worked hard to become a stronger and more cohesive unit on court. The u14s district tournament was a big challenge for the girls with some very strong teams entering. However, the girls battled through their games, encouraging each other when faced with tough opposition and focusing on the fundamentals worked on in training. With a break before their league starts up in February, the girls have plenty of time to continue to strengthen their performance as a team.

Squad

Lily Garraghty [Cpt.], Elizabeth Chevis, Jess Stoppard, Esther Harris, Jessica Reed, Maisie Newman, Robyn Wise, Grace Willey, Freya Cavill, Erin Alder, Hannah Woodley

YEAR 10 NETBALL

U14s District Tournament 5th Place

The first part of the season has been a quiet one for the year 10 netball team. Commitment to training and improving performance has not wavered though. The girls continue to progress as a cohesive unit, working for each other when playing, supporting and encouraging no matter what the state of play. The first match of the season saw the girls take a strong victory over RP, a result they will be hoping to repeat in the second half of the season as they aim for league top spot.

Squad

Jorja-Mae Hamilton [Cpt.], Louisa Whelan, Betty Manfield, Abi Dawson, Amelia Greenwood, Erin Challenor, Daisy Manfield, Holly Dalzell, Mila Staines, Lily Garraghty

League

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Current League Record

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



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YEAR 11 NETBALL

U16s District Tournament Winners U16s County Tournament 3rd Place

Report

The squad have started this season of netball the same way they have started every season for the past 5 years, with dedication to training, commitment to working as a team and a strong determination to produce their best performances. This team are remarkably cohesive and their support of each other on court is unwavering, taking enjoyment in each player's successes and encouraging heads up when faced with challenge. With creative attacking play through the centre court and phenomenal tactical links within the circle, combined with formidable defensive work, this squad are a force to be reckoned with. The energy that each one of these players brings to the court is phenomenal.... lets hope the league title is in sight!

Squad

Evie Scigala [Cpt.], Chloe Stoppard, Erin Maxwell, Evie Lount, Libby Moss, Gemma Harrison, Lucy Jenner, Evie Openshaw, Jorja-Mae Hamilton, Betty Manfield, Louisa Whelan, Holly Dalzell

SIXTH FORM NETBALL

U19s District Tournament Runners-Up U19s County Tournament 3rd Place

Report

This squad continue to train and play with a strong sense of unity, drive and pure enjoyment of the game. With so many commitments beyond the classroom and school, the girls have shown strong dedication towards their training. The u19s district tournament saw the girls compete against some tough opposition.

However, their fluency of play and confidence as a team shone through, with the girls narrowly missing out on taking the winners spot due to a close defeat from an extremely strong LSST squad. A day out to Stamford for the u19s county tournament saw the girls truly embrace the positive energy that comes from competing in sport. Sharing positions and keeping heads up when games got tough, the girls completely embodied the passion and drive needed to compete and enjoy competing. The girls finished 3rd in

Lincolnshire, losing to the top teams by 1 and 2 goals, demonstrating just how strong this squad is.



BADMINTON

Report

The Badminton season has started. 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

ENGLISH SCHOOLS CROSS-COUNTRY CUP

Report

After the recent successes of middle distance and cross-country running at BCA, it was decided that we would enter the English Schools Cross-Country Cup for the first time. Round 1 was the County round where we took 3 teams to North Peterborough. An enjoyable and successful day with strong performances by:

Junior Boys: Ryan Bassett (17th), Freddie Newton (22nd)

Inter Boys: Finnley Patrick (7th), Charlie Fish (9th)

Inter Girls: Sophie Cobb (14th), Gracie Cole (19th)

This is a team event where every place counts therefore congratulations also go to the rest of the team: James Pepper, Ben Sims, Charlie Carlisle, Josh Kennealey, Beth Knowles and Isabel Newton-Allison. The inter boys in particular had an outstanding day and this saw them finish a close 4th overall which secured their place in the next round. This was the regional round which meant a day trip to the Grammar School at Leeds. A slightly different team of 4; Finnley Patrick, Charlie Fish, Freddie Garner and Charlie Bryant shows the depth of our talent in this age group. Our team performance saw us knocked out in this round but we were delighted with the individual runs (Finnley 23rd and Charlie F 30th), team spirit and competitive nature that the boys showed. Well done, and we look forward to next year.



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LINCOLN AND GAINSBOROUGH CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Report

Our third cross-country event of the year saw BCA compete against all the other Lincoln and Gainsborough Schools. A new venue had been found for this year which was a beautiful course at Riseholme College. Unfortunately, part of the course had been flooded during the week of the event and it was decided not to make it into a water jump!! So, the runners had to contend with a hill (something they are not used to at The Academy), some woodland and rather a lot of sheep mess!! I make no apologies for naming all 56 runners as without them all, we would not have done so well in the overall team competition. Finishing in the top 19 guarantees the athlete a place in the Lincoln and Gainsborough squad in the County Championships in January (20th place is a reserve) – congratulations to all 19 of you! Special mention to our Junior Boys winner, Josh Kennealey. We look forward to seeing all the qualifiers run in the County Championships.

Year 7 Girls (2nd place): Molly Clifford (4th), Katy Adams (5th), Daisy Allison (16th), Lottie Negus-Hill (17th), Faye Skelland (19th), Eliza Mulholland, Aimee Patrick, Odette Stancer-Birch, Lilly Smith, Jonie Bolland

Year 7 Boys (2nd place): Joel Freeman (5th), Ryan Bassett (7th), Elliott Cavill, Jacob Barton, Cai Coupland, Jack Austin, Jack Codd, Ryan Clawson, Leonards Grants, Josh Stenner

Junior Girls (3rd place): Amelia Smith (6th), Sophie Cobb (7th), Jessica Reed (18th), Lexi MacDonald, Orlaith Kelly, Brooke Hemmings, Freya Cavill, Esther Harris, Isabel Newton-Allison, Maya Allison

Junior Boys (2nd place): Josh Kennealey (1st), Oliver Hyde (16th), Jack Clifford, Ed Atkinson, Theo Yick-Falkiner, Joe Birch, Harry Freeman, Billy Thompson, Ike Davids, Tyler Nicholson

Inter Girls (4th place): Jorja-Mae Hamilton (2nd), Megan Clawson (4th), Gracie Cole (8th), Hannah Mather, Lucy Jenner, Niamh Kelly

Inter Boys (2nd place): Charlie Fish (8th), Finnley Patrick (9th), Nathan Flint (15th), Charlie Carlisle (19th), Kieran Eva (20th), Maxwell Williamson, Freddie Garner, Charlie Bryant

BRANSTON ATHLETICS VISIT TO LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS UNION

Report

BCA has become the first school to forge a link with Loughborough University Athletics Union. A bespoke day was developed for our aspiring athletes to spend the day with the Director of Athletics, Femi Akinsanya (ex-international triple jumper) and his team of coaches; Kyle Bennett (Head of Endurance), David Feeney (ex-GB decathlete), Joe McDonnell (Head of Para Spints), David Turner (GB javelin coach), Lukasz Zawila (Jumps coach). Lukasz is also a trainer on the Youth Talent Programme working with athletes on the British and England Athletics talent pathway – Ryan Hewitt of year 13 is currently on this performance pathway; an amazing achievement and opportunity for Ryan.

From the moment we arrived, our students were in awe of the facilities. A number of students talked about their aspiration of becoming a Loughborough student one day and this visit certainly made them think about their future even more. Our day consisted of a tour of the sports facilities, a lecture on sports nutrition and an afternoon of athletics with coaches named above. It was fantastic to watch the students work hard and gain confidence in disciplines that they would not usually feel comfortable with; throwers participating in hurdle drills rarely happens at BCA!! We also had the opportunity to play 'spot the athlete' whilst they were doing their own training sessions; Holly Bradshaw (pole vault), Katarina Johnson-Thompson (heptathlon), Jonnie Peacock (Para 100m) to name a few!! A great trip that will most certainly be repeated in years to come.



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PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORTS FESTIVALS

Report

This term, 2 primary sports festivals have taken place; year 5/6 netball and year 3/4 sports hall games. These are wonderful events for both the primary students to take part in and our year 10 sports leaders to lead. Both groups of students get a huge amount out of these events. Thank you so much to the year 10 GCSE PE and sports studies students who have helped so far; I always say I couldn't do it without you, but I really couldn't! For the sports hall games event, there were 70, 7-9 year olds taking part and 40 sports leaders taking charge of them! Lots of supporters too which made for a very noisy evening! Well done to The Branston Bulls who were overall winners, with Washingborough Wolves 2nd and Heighington Harriers 3rd. The netball festival was also a huge success with 8 teams taking part. Thank you again to the sports leaders who acted as team managers and umpires; umpiring is not an easy job even when you are an accomplished player yourself, so well done to the umpires, Leah, Libby, Charlotte, Lucy, Eleanor, Emma, Jorja and Holly from year 10 and year 12. I well oiled team from Martin Primary won all their games convincingly with Heighington Hawks in 2nd place and St Johns Jaguars in 3rd. Heighington Harriers and Hawks also won the vote for the fair play award; well done to them both!

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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