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Dear Parents/Carers and Friends of the College,

Message from the Principal

As you will read within this edition of the bulletin and as you will be aware from the increased demand on Mum and Dad's taxi, we have been extremely busy lately. This has included a range of activities, trips and celebrations as we near the end of the academic year.

Many of the events have been around the current Year 9 as they approach the end of their time at Brockington College. The Year 9 Prom was a massive success and it was a pleasure to see the pupils in their suits and gowns enjoying a fantastic night. Our hosts at Hinckley Football Club commented on how polite the pupils were and I am happy to agree that this was the case and what a pleasure it was to talk to the pupils socially. Miss Heggs, Mrs Wright and Mrs Robinson gave freely of their time to organise the event, Mrs Shaw drove the mini-bus, Mr Spencer spent the night taking 700 photographs and many members of staff attended. Thank you to all.

I feel strongly that it is this type of team effort that characterises the staff at Brockington College, which is not the case in all schools. Without their support we could not put on the following events at this time of year, which pupils have been or will be involved in:

Year 9 Commemoration Evening
Bugsy Malone Performances
Sports Day
Area and Regional Athletics Competitions
Year 6 Welcome Day and Evening
Year 7 History and Geography Forest of Dean Trip
Year 8 Girls WISE Trip to Loughborough University
Years 8 and 9 Art Trip to Barcelona
Year 7 Drama Trip To Harry Potter Studios
Year 8 English Trip to Harry Potter Studios
Years 7 and 8 RE Trip to Leamington Spa
Year 9 Sports Leaders Trip to London
Years 7, 8 and 9 Reward Trips
Year 8 Transition Visits to Lutterworth College
Year 9 Transition Visits to Lutterworth College

On the 11-16 front, a business case has now been completed and forwarded to the Government for their consideration. The case has been made for 240 pupils in each cohort, which will initially stretch the financial resources of the college, but we are determined to make places available for this amount of pupils as requested through the consultation process.

We have put forward a case for conversion based around the many factors that we strongly believe will improve educational outcomes for pupils. These include: continuity of education from Key Stage 3 to Key Stage 4; the ability to attend a local school and avoid long journeys to and from school; the ability to commence GCSE study in Year 9; the strong academic standards already achieved at Brockington College; our ability to deliver GCSE provision; our proven record in supporting all pupils, but particularly those who need increased support; our ranking with Ofsted; the values that we teach pupils through our Church of England status; our place at the heart of the community which adds value to our provision for pupils and our track record in managing change for the benefit of our pupils.

As you can see, we feel that we have a lot to offer and look forward to the opportunity to extend our provision in August 2015.

Finally, I pass on my best wishes to all pupils and parents/carers for an enjoyable summer holiday and sincere best wishes to Year 9 pupils at their new schools

Dates for your Diary

Year 9 Commemoration Evening

Wednesday 3 July 2013 7.00 pm

Year 7 (2013/2014) Welcome Day/Evening

Monday 8 July 2013

Year 9 Induction Days at Lutterworth College

Monday 8 July to Wednesday 10 July 2013

Behaviour for Learning (Reward Trips)

Year 7	Wednesday	10 July 2013
Year 8	Wednesday	10 July 2013
Year 9	Thursday	11 July 2013

Year 7 and 8 Catering

Would parents/carers please ensure that catering cards remain in credit at the end of term. As you will appreciate, there will be lengthy queues if all pupils try to top up their cards on the first day of next term.



All identity cards must show a photograph and name. Any defaced cards must be replaced and cannot be returned if used by pupils.

BROCKINGTON MATTERS

End of Term Arrangements

As the end of term approaches, I write to confirm arrangements for the end of this school year.

School will close for the Summer Holidays at 12.40 pm on Friday 12 July 2013. School buses will leave at 12.50 pm approximately. If your child receives Free School Meals, then they should pre-order a packed 'Grab and Go' lunch by 1.05 pm on Thursday 11 July (Year 9 pupils will need to do this by Friday 5 July 2013). This lunch can then be collected on the final day from The Sandwich Bar.

There will be reduced administrative support over the holidays and so, if you need to contact school, please be aware that a response may not be immediate.

Pupils are due back at school on Thursday 29 August 2013 at 8.35 am. Governors have consented to allow skirts that are of a respectable length, i.e. no shorter than 10 cm above the knee. Pupils will also be issued with lanyards to wear around their neck in order to ensure they have their identification card with them.

May I take this opportunity to wish all Year 9 pupils the best of luck at their new school and to thank you for your support throughout the academic year. We wish you all a restful summer break and look forward to seeing Year 7 and 8 pupils again on 29 August. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Leave of Absence/Holidays - Change in Law from September 2013

Could all parents/carers please be aware that there has been a change in the law regarding leave of absence from school in order to take a holiday. From September 2013, we will not be able to authorise any leave of absence for the purpose of a holiday unless there is a very exceptional circumstance. An exceptional circumstance would involve bereavement of a very close relative or a very serious medical condition of the pupil such that a holiday would improve the pupil's physical and/or mental health. Financial benefits of taking a holiday in term time or fitting in with parental/carer holiday from work will not be considered as exceptional circumstances.

The full advice we have received is as follows:

From 1 September 2013, the reference in law to Head Teachers/Principals being able (at their discretion) to agree up to 10 days of leave of absence will be removed. Instead, the legal reference will be amended and will mean that schools should not authorise leave of absence unless:

- An application has been made in advance by the parent with whom the pupil normally resides AND
- The Head teacher/Principal considers that there are **exceptional circumstances** relating to the application.



Parent Pay - Payment for College Trips and Catering

Parent Pay is a secure on-line payment system that is quick and easy to use.

All school trips must now be paid for using this system. Once signed up you can see at a glance exactly what you have paid for. Receipts are emailed each time you make a payment. Payments for end of year reward trips will only be accepted via Parent Pay.

Catering payments should also be made using Parent Pay. This will also allow you to top up your child's card quickly and easily at any time or day.

From September 2013 we will no longer be accepting cheques or cash payments.

Anyone preferring to use Paypoint should contact the college office for further details.

If you have not yet registered and need another copy of your log in details, please contact the college office.

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Voice it!



As a result of the feedback we received on our 'Anti Bullying' Survey last year, we have launched two new systems designed to make it easier for pupils to log their concerns about bullying, anti social behaviour or any other concerns about pupils or behaviour in and around the college. The first system is accessed through the school website, where pupils can email the pastoral team (either anonymously or they can provide their name). You can find this by looking at the pupil pages in the 'Care, Guidance and Support' section of the website. The email is checked on a daily basis and then steps are taken to deal with the issues highlighted. The second, similar system is run through the 'Voice it' boxes, which are located outside of the Pastoral Office and in the Library. Pupils can fill in a form, available in the library, or the front of reception, (some tutors also have forms available in their tutor rooms) and then place it in the box. Again, they can be anonymous or they can give their name.

So far the systems are proving successful. We have found that it has removed the barrier for some pupils: the hardest step can often be telling someone what is wrong, this is much easier to do and much less daunting when it doesn't have to be face to face!

Please keep using the system and keeping us informed. If we are aware we can act, if we don't know about the issue upsetting you then we can't possibly help!

Summary of Issues:

6 Issues with other pupils	Dealt with by Year Achievement Co-ordinator/ Pastoral Manager
3 General issues	Dealt with by Leadership Team Link/ Year Achievement Co-ordinator/ Pastoral Manager



Sainsbury's Active Kids 2013 Vouchers

Well done to all those who handed in Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers. We are just in the process of counting them all up and sorting out the order.

A huge thank you to all those who donated their vouchers.



WANTED URGENTLY

Plastic carrier bags for

Food Technology

Thank you - Mrs F Clarke



LOST PROPERTY

Items of lost property are taken to the reception. Named items can, of course, be more easily returned to the rightful owner. Lost property is now displayed outside the main college reception at lunch times, giving pupils a daily chance to reclaim any missing items.

Parents/carers who wish to come and view lost property should telephone reception (0116 2863722) to make arrangements to come and do so after college.

Due to the volume of lost property, anything remaining after 2 weeks will be donated to charity

HOLIDAY DATES FOR 2013-2014

Autumn Term 2013

School opens: 29 August 2013
Mid-term break: 21 to 25 October 2013
School closes: 20 December 2013

Spring Term 2014

School opens: 7 January 2014
Mid-term break: 17 to 21 February 2014
School closes: 11 April 2014

Summer Term 2014

School opens: 28 April 2014
May Day: 5 May 2014
Mid-term break: 26 May to 30 May 2014
School closes: 11 July 2014

BROCKINGTON NEWS

**Here are the Star Achievers and Rising Stars for this half term in English.
Keep up the hard work, it could be you next time! The English Department.**

STAR ACHIEVERS	<u>Year 7</u>	<u>Year 8</u>	<u>Year 9</u>
Band 1	Shannon Buswell (7B)	Amy Summerfield (8T)	Isobel Moulding (9R)
Band 2	Jessica Lapworth (7N)	Pooja Chauhan (8N)	Lucy Griffith (9G)

RISING STAR	<u>Year 7</u>	<u>Year 8</u>	<u>Year 9</u>
Band 1	Larissa Horne (7B)	Eddie Flatters-Tune (8C)	Charlie Mellors (9C)
Band 2	Angus Marchmont (7N)	Lauren Taylor (8I)	Rayan Solanki (9G)

Keep up the hard work, it could be you next time! The English Department.


**Literacy
Stars of
the
Month**



June

2013

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Form</u>
English	Amy Crisp Samuel Down	7O 7I
Science	Maddison Daniels Rubyn Gill	9C 8K
Art	Alice Hewitt Jack Rawson	7L 7N
Design Technology	Serena Ho Joe Crofts	7L 9K
History	Oliver McAllister Miranda Lane	8R 9I
RE	Lydia Alton Julia Endsminger	8G 9G
Geography	Faizan Elahi Ellie Marfleet	8B 9K
Languages	Katie Prime Jack Rawson	9R 7N
ICT	Karina Shah	9G

MATHS CHALLENGE

Maths Challenge Winners:

MAY

MindBender - Callum Riddleston 8C
Creative Challenge - Logan Waudby 8C

JUNE

MindBender – Kamen Cashmore 7I
Creative Challenge – Elliot Pope 7I

Congratulations to all our winners of the Monthly Maths Challenge this year.
The overall winner will be announced in the Oscars Thursday 11 July.

JUNE MATHS CHALLENGE

MINDBENDER – BRAIN TEASERS PART TWO !!

(1) Julie is a careful driver and never breaks the speed limit. One day as she set off on a journey in her car she noticed that the mileometer was displaying 13931 miles, which was palindromic (the same forwards and backwards). After completing the journey, which took two hours, Julie could not believe that it was palindromic once more. What was her average speed during the journey?

(2) Find two prime numbers that between them use each of the four digits 1, 2, 3 and 5 exactly once. For example, the numbers 53 and 21 use the digits but 21 isn't prime so this example doesn't work!!!

(3) A pile of oranges are arranged to make a square based pyramid by having one orange on the top layer, four oranges on the second layer, nine oranges on the third layer, and so on. If there were one-thousand oranges in the pile used to make the pyramid not all of them would be needed. How many oranges would be left over?

ANSWER ALL 3 QUESTIONS TO WIN (showing strategies used)

CREATIVE CHALLENGE – MATHS JOKES



Make up a Maths joke and illustrate it on a poster or a power point.

Q: What does the little mermaid wear? A: An algae-bra.

Q. Why is a dog with a bad foot like adding 6 and 7? A. Because he puts down three and carries the one.

Q. Why did the Maths textbook look so sad? A. Because it had so many problems!

If it is cold, go and stand in the corner, because it is 90 degrees there.

Q. Why are powers like fish? A. Because they're all indices (in the seas!)

Q. What do you call a crushed angle? A. A rectangle!

ENTRIES TO YOUR MATHS TEACHERS by FRIDAY 14th JUNE



United Kingdom Mathematics Trust

Each year the Maths department at Brockington College enters all the pupils in the two top sets in Year 8 for the Junior Mathematical Challenge which is run by the UK Mathematics Trust based at Leeds University. This year, for the first time, we entered 20 of the most able Mathematicians in Year 7 as well. There is also an Intermediate and Senior version for older pupils. The JMC is aimed at mathematically gifted and talented pupils in the UK in Years 7 and 8.

The JMC encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematics techniques to solve interesting problems. Questions encourage students to think clearly about challenging problems. The questions are multiple choice and to discourage guess work, entrants lose marks for wrong answers in some of the questions. The challenge took place on 25th April 2013 with over 250,000 pupils taking part from over 4000 schools. Certificates are awarded to the highest scoring 40% of candidates nationally (6% Gold, 13% Silver, 21% Bronze). This year pupils therefore had to score 82 or more for Gold, 63 or more for Silver and 49 or more for Bronze out of a possible total of 135 marks.

This year 91 Brockington pupils entered the UKMT JMC and we are very pleased that 51 of them gained certificates (56%). **3 Gold, 22 Silver and 26 Bronze.**

Jack Rawson received a certificate for best in school scoring 88 out of 135. An amazing achievement as Jack, in Year 7, achieved a higher score than any of the year 8 pupils. Well done, Jack.

The 3 pupils who received a Gold certificate were:

Year 8: Jordan Brown and Samuel Tikkanen

Year 7: Jack Rawson

The 22 pupils who received a Silver certificate were:

Year 8: Callum Riddleston, Alex Whitehouse, Bethany Herbert, Ben Barrie, Kishan Shiyal, Manvir Dhillon, Jay Fretter, Lydia Alton, Joe Alderson, Taylor Shilcock, Faizan Elahi, Jake Burfoot, Olivia Barnes, Charlotte Jefferies, Sarah Beynon, James Parker and Anna Dezaneti Donkin

Year 7: Lauren Anderson, James Gamble, Thomas Christie-Smith, Charlotte E Moore and Harry Bland

The 26 pupils who received a Bronze certificate were:

Year 8: Ellie Francis, Imogen Rudge, Logan Waudby, Oliver McAllister, Regan Hyde, Hannah Winterton, Kate Wesson, Isabel Crofts, Jude Richardson, Kai Buxton, Kyle Swinburne, Ollie Martin-Pepper, Nathan Chan, Sophie Tams, Bhagveer Panesar, Molly Bailey, Elena Buswell, Kess Gilmour and Will Tully.

Year 7: James Kumagai, Charlie Savage, Ashleigh Wilcox, Bethany Swain, Molly Carter, Bailey Vallis-Sidwell and Charlotte Faulkner.

They should all be congratulated for their high achievement, the Maths Department are very proud of them.

Mrs C Goddard Maths Curriculum Leader

Literacy Matters

Year Seven Reading Project

Congratulations to all the Year 7 pupils who have taken part in the Reading Project this year. It has been fantastic to see their dedication and hard work pay off. Throughout the project pupils have discovered a whole range of new authors and enjoyed many hours of reading. The recently purchased Kindles have proved a great success. Our thanks go to the dedicated staff who have helped to inspire the pupils throughout.

Author, Bali Rai, visits Brockington

On 18 June the inaugural Brockington Books Scheme was held with thirty Year 6 pupils and six Brockington pupils being treated to an afternoon of book-related activities and an inspiring talk by renowned local author, Bali Rai. It was fascinating and great fun to hear him talk about his books and his passion for reading. All those involved thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and went away looking forward to reading their signed books. Participants in the scheme will all be reviewing the books they have read and we look forward to all meeting again in October. Mrs S Lawrence.



Experience of a Lifetime at Aegon Trophy Lawn Tennis Championship

Josef Geisler (7B) had the experience of a lifetime recently when he was chosen to be a ball boy for a week at the Aegon Trophy Lawn Tennis Championship. The event was held at Nottingham Tennis Centre and featured stars of the game who had chosen to compete in the event as a warm-up for the forthcoming Wimbledon Championships. Josef (kneeling far right) is pictured with men's doubles winners John Peers and Jamie Murray (Andy's brother).

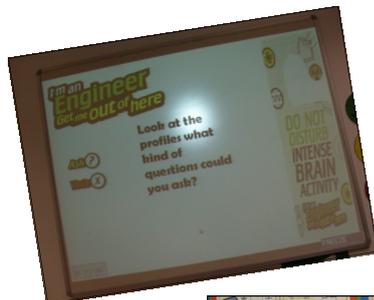


I'm an Engineer
Get me out of here

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

For the last few weeks in Design and Technology we have chosen pupils that are budding engineers, and will be studying engineering at GCSE, to take part in an online event called "I'm an engineer get me out of here". During the event pupils were able to meet and interact with real engineers. The pupils were able to submit questions and learn more about them with live online chats. They then voted for the engineer that they thought should win a prize of £500 to promote their work. The pupils had to consider each engineer's role, which ranged from mechanical to chemical engineering. It really helped them to understand what engineers do and learn about real world applications and the use of science, technology, engineering and maths.

Design engineering?



Chemical engineering?

What shall I ask?



DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY



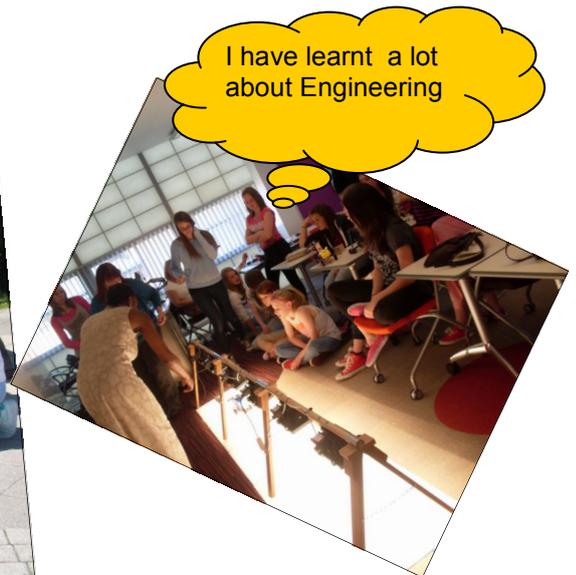
WISE

Women Into Science, Engineering And Construction

Six girls in Year 8 have been involved in The WISE campaign, which collaborates with industry and education to encourage UK girls of school age to value and pursue STEM or construction related courses in school or college, and to move on into related careers. We were also joined by girls from Lutterworth High School and Thomas Estley.

On day one the girls visited Loughborough University and had the opportunity to meet Engineering students. They were given challenges and had to design and build a bridge in groups. The girls were then given the task of designing a solar powered car, again in groups; they had to design the car and then build it using various materials.

On the second day we visited Caterpillar and the girls were involved in production line activities and had a tour of the factory. They then completed the solar panelled cars which were judged by a panel of engineers and designers.



The girls all had a great time and below are some comments about the two days.

- “It was fun and has got me more interested in Engineering”. Charlotte Jefferies
- “Fun, informative and enjoyable”. Imogen Walker.



All the students will receive a CREST award and this will be presented by a representative from the University.



Drama and Music News



Musical Instrument Lessons

Here at Brockington College, we recognise the importance that learning to play a musical instrument can have on a young adult. It can help to promote a sense of self-discipline, self-esteem and enhance self-expression/creativity. We, therefore, encourage as many pupils as possible to start and learn a musical instrument.

Our instrumental lessons will be provided by a team of fabulous private instrumental teachers for the year 2013-2014, and all teachers have options for individual and group lessons to make finding the right type of lesson for your child easier. All teachers have previously worked for the Leicester-Shire Music Service and, as part of the new structure of instrumental teaching, they have all been added to the County Council Associated Teachers Register.

If you are interested in booking lessons for your child then please contact the teacher of the instrument you are interested in as listed below. They will then send out their information and contracts in order to start lessons with them. No lessons will be booked through the school.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the school on 0116 286 3722 or via email ams@brockington.leics.sch.uk

I will also be available at the Year 6 welcome evening on Monday 8 July if you would like to talk about options for your child.

Mrs A Shaw

Instrument	Name of Teacher	Contact details for the teacher
Flute	Ms Teresa Bexon	01455 239373 07791456054 tjbmusic@talktalk.net
Keyboard, piano	Mr Ian Maw	ianmaw@tiscali.co.uk
Drum kit	Mr Adam Stringer	07941 549962
Guitar (electric, bass and classical)	Mr Dave Jobson	0116 2920622 07948 402728 guitarlessons@tiscali.co.uk
Singing	Mrs Sarah Woodhall	07866015774
Clarinet, saxophone	Mr Patrick White	Patrick.White@leics.gov.uk
Cornet, Trombone, Baritone, French Horn	Mr Alex Crutchley	latheduckap@hotmail.co.uk
Violin, Viola	Ms Sally Smith	sasviolinviola@hotmail.co.uk



Bugsy Malone Summer Production

Tuesday 25 and Wednesday 26 June 2013



A super huge congratulations to all those fabulous musicians, dancers and actors who participated in this year's show. It was a huge success which is all credit to the hard work and dedication shown by all those involved.



A massive thank you to all the pupils and staff who gave up their free time to contribute to such a fantastic production. You are all superstars!



Visit to Barcelona



The Brockington Art visit to Barcelona took place this year from Monday 20 May until Friday 24 May and this time our party of 36 Year 8 and 9 pupils and 4 members of staff went by plane from Luton! The flight maximised the time spent there and we were able to cram in lots of amazing experiences. First visit was to Port Vell and a walk up Las Ramblas, looking at the market stalls and street performers, then to our accommodation in a small chalet village in Vilanova, a small village south of Barcelona. Tuesday saw a trip to F C Barcelona Stadium and Museum, Camp Nou and was a highlight for many, especially Rayan!! We then had a picnic lunch at Parc Guell, the idyllic garden retreat built by architect Antoni Gaudi, before going to see his unfinished masterpiece the Sagrada Familia cathedral which was totally awe inspiring and emotional (Ms Reynolds in particular). We were treated to a meal at the Hard Rock Cafe as a special surprise in Barcelona that evening.

Wednesday saw a trip to the fantastic Dali Theatre Museum in Figueres, housing many of the Surrealist artist's work, where we had a special guided tour. On the way back we were privileged to pay a visit to Montserrat, a spectacularly beautiful Benedictine monk mountain retreat about one hour North West from Barcelona. Not only is Montserrat Monastery of significant religious importance, but the natural beauty surrounding the monastery is simply breathtaking and we walked up the mountain to St Michael's cross where the views were totally amazing!

Thursday we went to the Science Museum, Cosmocaixa, where there is a planetarium, a spectacular tropical rainforest and exhibitions of human nature and evolution of the earth and the universe. This was followed in the afternoon by creating sand sculptures and relaxation on Vilanova Beach. The evening saw our group having a taster session of Latin American dances from Salsa to Cha Cha Cha, which proved highly entertaining!

Each evening there was an opportunity for activities in the fabulous pools from just swimming to water polo!!

I would like to say a HUGE thank you to our dedicated team of staff and the pupils themselves for their enthusiasm and total commitment to all activities. The behaviour of the group (which was commented on by many, including the air stewardess) was beyond reproach at all times and they were a credit to themselves and Brockington College – an awesome time was had by all!

Mrs W London



Year 7 History and Geography Forest of Dean Trip

Again this year, 45 Year 7 pupils embarked on the three day residential educational visit to the Forest of Dean between Mon 20 May and Wed 22 May. The combined History and Geography trip has taken place for a number of years and has always been popular with the pupils. The group stayed in St Briavels Castle and took in various attractions within the Forest of Dean, including Chepstow Castle, Clearwell Caves, and the Dean Heritage Centre. The visit builds on topics studied in History including castles and life in the medieval ages and during the Industrial Revolution and in Geography the study of river processes and land use. We did plenty of walking, sports and even archery. On our second night we all dressed up in medieval costumes and held a real medieval banquet, followed by resolving a murder mystery (unfortunately, our jury decided to imprison the innocent person...).



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This year's trip proved extremely successful with the pupils being praised for their attitude and behaviour by the staff at various attractions. Throughout the trip the pupils displayed a great enthusiasm and put great effort into their costumes for the traditional medieval banquet. We had to award four prizes instead of the usual two, as the costumes were outstanding.

I would also like to thank all staff (Miss Bloor, Mrs Wright, Mr Ilesic and Mr Spencer) for their hard work and dedication to make this

trip as enjoyable and educational as possible for all the students. Check out more photographs from the trip on Brockington website!

Mrs I Clark





Warner Brothers' Studios Harry Potter Tour: Year 7 Drama Trip 9 May 2013

On Thursday 9 May, 45 Year 7 pupils joined Ms Broadfield, Mr Gundelach, Mr Jones and Mrs Heath on an exciting day trip to the Warner Bros. Studios in London to experience the magic behind the Harry Potter films. We enjoyed an action packed day exploring a huge variety of film sets, props and costumes and were lucky enough to take part in a workshop based on costume characterisation led by members of the Warner Brothers' team. This was really exciting as we were able to use a variety of materials that were used in the films to create our own characters and mood boards. We were also allowed to see some top secret items from the films which are not available for viewing by the general public, such as Hagrid's head and a goblin's hand! Several pupils took a broomstick ride, and bought the photos as evidence, and sat in Ron's flying car and visited the Nightbus, amongst many other exciting things. The behaviour of the pupils was exemplary throughout the entire day and they were a credit to the school. Well done Year 7! Ms Broadfield.

Pupil Comments:

'I thought it was amazing, a once in a lifetime experience. Expeliarmous!'

'Great day out- enjoyed every bit. I will never forget it'

'I really enjoyed the trip. I would definitely go again'

'I really loved the whole day, especially when we got to go into the area no-one else got to see and we designed our own character costumes! I even got to try on Hagrid's coat, it was huge!'



RE Places of Worship Trip to Leamington Spa

On Thursday 22 May, twenty four Year 7 and 8 pupils participated in an RE 'Places of Worship' trip to Leamington Spa. Pupils were provided with the opportunity to further their knowledge and understanding of the diverse country in which we live. Pupils had a chance to explore the influences on religious expression and compare the differences between religious and non-religious beliefs and practices.

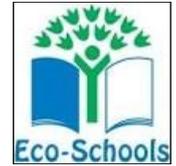


Pupils visited the Gurdwara Sahib and were provided with a tailored tour of the Gurdwara, along with the opportunity to ask questions. The visit ended with the provision of food in the Langar (Dining Area). Pupils then visited the All Saints Church where they took part in a tour and a question and answer session.

Mrs McKenzie



Eco Schools



Brockington Eco – Committee is proud to say that participating in the SCORE programme in 2012 – 2013 has been a huge success. As you know, we have implemented many changes during the year with the goal of reducing our energy bill as much as possible. We have used Eco – reminders for staff and pupils; traffic light system stickers on appliances; we carried out a thermal imaging survey to identify areas of heat loss in the school and our ICT department have also been working hard and getting involved with the programme. You may not be aware but; our computers now shut down automatically more often, the air conditioning units now switch off automatically at the end of the day and air conditioning temperatures have been fixed to avoid over cooling. We have also been monitoring our electricity and gas use using the smart meters and the online tool Simplicity.

And we have made some fantastic savings!

We have made a 5% reduction in our electricity use which is about £3,120 and after the weather correction we have made a 19% reduction in our gas which is around £6,000.

Congratulations and a huge thank you to everyone who has worked so hard. Keep going for next year!!!

Mrs I Clark

A Plea for Help!



I would like to produce a large interactive display for pupils showing them how Science and Technology have developed in the area of computing – something a number of our pupils both depend on and take for granted in many ways.



It would be great if our pupils could see a real chronology of computers, games consoles and other similar technologies here at the college, and even better if they could try them out. To that end, I am asking for your help:



If you have any **older computer and/or games systems** – Sinclair Spectrum ZX81, 48K and 128K, Amstrad 128K, Amiga, 186, 286, 386, Pentium P1, P2, original game boys, playstations, Atari and anything else of a similar type, history and in some cases notoriety – and would be willing to donate or lend them to the college for a period of time, I would love to hear from you. In working order would be fantastic, but broken would still help demonstrate the development of technology.



Please contact me via e-mail (dtf@brockington.leics.sch.uk) if you have anything you could offer us – please have a rummage through lofts and garages to find these gems!



Thanks in advance - Mr Fenney
Curriculum Team Leader for Science



Area Sports

Brockington's athletes prosper despite awful conditions.

Our athletes performed impressively at the Mid Leicestershire Area Sports which were held at Saffron Lane on Thursday 23 May.

We had eight individual area champions and eleven pupils who won selection to represent the District (Mid-Leicestershire) at the County Sports (Saturday 8 June). In the 6 team categories, Brockington's older pupils showed their class by winning the Year 9 Boys, Year 9 Girls and Year 8 Boys age groups. The Year 8 Girls finished fourth and both Year 7 teams finished third. Overall, Bushloe retained the trophy beating us by 26 points. Eight schools took part in the competition.

Area Champions

Year 8

Lewis Wan	100 m
Joel Roberts	Hurdles
Eddie Flatters-Tune	Long Jump

Year 9

George Escott	Discus
Jack Blanksby	Long Jump
Aston King	High Jump
Daniel Monk	Triple Jump
Erin Hall	Shot Putt

Brockington Win Midlands Regional Track and Field Athletics Competition in Solihull

A group of 15 boys in Year 8 took part in a Midlands Regional round athletics competition in Solihull, having won the first round competition in Leicestershire. We were against teams from Oxfordshire, Leicestershire and the West Midlands.

The team comprised of:

Lewis Wan, Aaron Girn, Eddie Flatters-tune, Josh Snowball, Rubyn Gill, Lewis Gibbens, Kesten Hands, Washington Kuzakwawo, Jack Sharkey, Theo Moyo, Joel Roberts, Josh Marshall, Mitchell Fairhurst, Dylan Peel, Nick Sandhu.



Mid-Leicestershire Area County Sports at Saffron Lane Athletics Stadium

Ten Brockington pupils represented the Mid-Leicestershire area in the County sports that were held at Saffron Lane athletics stadium on Saturday 8 June.

Daniel Monk and George Escott won silver medals in the Junior Boys triple jump and discus events and there were many personal best performances.

The full results are shown below:

Junior Age Group (Years 8 and 9)

Daniel Monk 2 nd	Triple Jump (11.30 m)
George Escott 2 nd	Discus (27.76 m)
Jack Blanksby 5 th	Long Jump (4.67 m)
Erin Hall 11 th	Shot Putt (6.37 m)
Lewis Wan 5 th in heat	100 m (13.3 seconds)

Under 13 (Year 7)

Jack Warren 5 th	Long Jump (4 m)
Abby Harriman 7 th	Hurdles (14.8 seconds)
Joel Plant 8 th	200 m (30.8 seconds)
Tia Vyas 9 th	800 m (2:58.7 minutes)
Alex Punshon 5 th in heat	Hurdles (13.6 seconds)

Claire Lomas Completes 400 Miles Cycling Challenge

On Monday 13 May, a small group of Brockington College Sports Leaders went to London for the day. The purpose of this was to see Claire Lomas complete her 400 mile cycling challenge. Claire visited the College in November last year and as a College we raised just over £7,000 for her chosen charities. During her cycling challenge, Claire visited schools everyday and they have also been involved in fundraising.



Claire had specifically asked if it was possible for some of our pupils to be at the finish line as Brockington College are the greatest fundraisers for the cause.

We met at Leicester train station early and then travelled down to London. From there, it was a quick tube journey to Knightsbridge and a brisk walk to the Royal Albert Hall to see Claire part way through her last part of the challenge.



From there, we got back on the tube and travelled across

to the London Eye where our group formed part of the finish line. The students were quite excited by the number of press and TV crews about. Some were more impressed by the presence of another Leicester legend, Gary Lineker. Some were too young to recognize Mel C aka Sporty Spice and a number of the other celebrities!!



It was a fantastic day and the Sports Leaders were an absolute credit to themselves and Brockington College, even when the train broke down for an hour on our way home. Once again, a massive THANK YOU to all those who contributed to our massive fundraising total...you are awesome! Miss Wyeth

Kenya 2014

For the past 6 years (since July 2007)

Brockington has sponsored a Kenyan teenager to go to school at our link school Mtwapa Academy in Kenya. The girl, Mapenzi, is an orphan, one of seven children and she lives with her grandparents. The family struggle to provide food and clothes for themselves and without our sponsorship Mapenzi would not be able to go to school, she wouldn't afford her uniform or equipment, wouldn't eat a meal everyday and if she was ill would not afford the basic medicines to survive. Mapenzi has written a letter to the staff and students at Brockington college to thank them for their support!

Mapenzi excelled at Mtwapa Academy and is now studying at secondary school in Mombasa. She is hoping to become a Doctor in the future. We hope to continue to sponsor her throughout her education to enable her to realise her dreams! The lucky group of students selected to be part of the Kenya 2014 trip will get to meet Mapenzi personally when they visit Kenya next summer. Please continue to support our fundraising efforts to enable Mapenzi to continue her education, it is much appreciated as you can see from her letter.

Miss S Heggs

Dear Brockington College

Hi! its my great pleasure that you are fine. Likewise to me and my family.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the wonderful things that you have done to me. I thank you for paying for my school lunch.

Thank you for paying my school fees. Im doing well in my studies. Im trying my level best to achieve my goals. May God bless you and continue with the same spirit.

Receive greetings from my family.

From your loving daughter
Mapenzi

x x x
Luv



Year 9 Prom Friday 28 June 2013

Over 200 Year 9 pupils attended their "Hollywood" themed Year 9 Prom at Greene King Stadium, Hinckley.

Everyone looked fabulous and had a fantastic time dancing the night away.



Prom Queen Edan Pickering **Prom King** George Escott

Best Couple Morgan Bishop and Emma Woodward

Best Outfit **Male:** Reece Randall **Female:** Georgia-May Dobson

The Prom Committee

Lauren Gillespie
Zainub Sulemanji
Owen Garner
Orla Canavan

Charlotte Wilson
Lauren Tempest
Kaya Ulasli

Charanpreet Singh
Ryan Rathbone
Amy Johnson

Special thanks to Mrs Wright, Miss Heggs, Mrs Robinson and Mr Spencer who turned Greene King Stadium, Hinckley into Hollywood.

Brockington College's Artificial Grass Pitch

Our full size 3G pitch can be used for football and training for a range of sports and is fully floodlit and covered by CCTV. The rubber crumb pitch is available to hire any evening of the week, (where spaces in the timetable permit) for casual pay and play use, as well as weekly team training. The pitch can be hired by the third or in its entirety, (our thirds are approximately three times the size of some operators' small sided pitches). We also hire out the facility on Saturday and Sunday too if you need a surface that won't get muddy in winter! Whether you want a pitch for a one off football game or need a pitch to train on a weekly basis, we offer competitive prices and a state of the art playing surface to suit your sporting needs.

For more information, please contact Steve Buck (lettings@brockington.leics.sch.uk) or 0116 286 3722 for availability and prices.



Artificial Grass Pitch Sponsors
are:-



Narborough & Littlethorpe Action Group
Parents and Friends of Brockington College



HOLIDAY DATES FOR 2014-2015

Autumn Term 2014

School opens: 28 August 2014
Mid-term break: 20 to 24 October 2014
School closes: 19 December 2014

Spring Term 2015

School opens: 6 January 2015
Mid-term break: 16 to 20 February 2015
School closes: 27 March 2015

Summer Term 2015

School opens: 13 April 2015
May Day: 4 May 2015
Mid-term break: 25 May to 29 May 2015
School closes: 10 July 2015

Adult Learning at Brockington



We offer a variety of daytime and evening classes for adults in the following curriculum areas: Health and Wellbeing, Creative Arts, Languages, ESOL, Skills for Life, Computing and ICT.

If you are interested in joining a course, or would like some more information or advice on courses throughout the County, please do not hesitate to contact the **Central Enrolment Team: Freephone 0800 988 0308. If you enrol between 28 May and 31 July 2013 you will receive 20% discount on tuition fees.**

FREE ENGLISH, MATHS and ICT courses for Adults. For terms and conditions and to view the 2013/2014 Course Brochure see the Leicestershire Adult Learning. Enrol online for many courses.
Website: www.leics.gov.uk/golearn

Up to 100% discount for those in receipt of benefits – please ring for further information **0800 988 0308.**

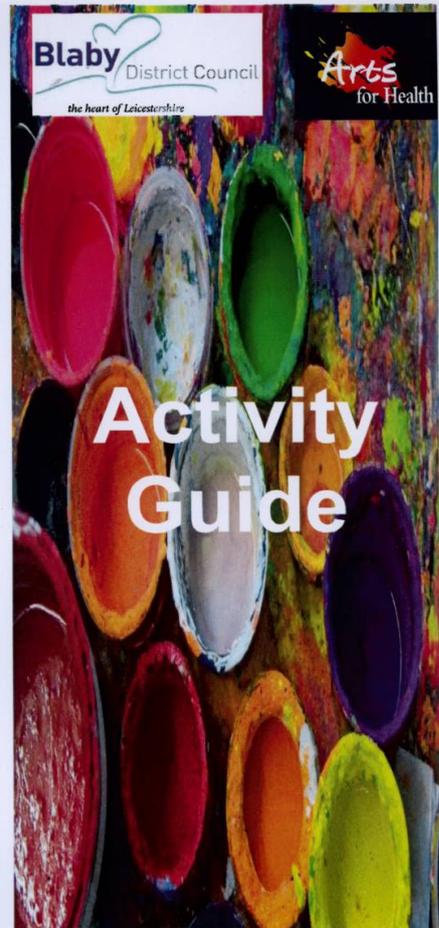
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Please send me to:

**F.A.O Arts for Health
The Pavilion
Sportsfield lane
Huncote
Leicester
LE9 3BN**

This document can be made available on request, in other languages and formats (large print, Braille or on audio tape) by contacting:

For more information on any of the activities please contact Blaby District Health and Leisure Services Team on 0116 272 7703 or email leisure@blaby.gov.uk



What's on.....

Art - Express Yourself

Monday 10th June 2013
6.30-8.00pm

Brockington College, Enderby

Join us for 8 weeks of art - paints, acrylics, charcoal, crayons, pencils. Create a piece of art to exhibit and to take home.

No previous experience necessary

Contemporary Dance

Monday 2nd September 2013
6.30-8.00pm

Brockington College, Enderby

Join us for 10 weeks of dance and drama, ending in a live performance at Blaby Local Sports Alliance Sports Awards on Wednesday 20th November.

No experience necessary.
Performance is not compulsory.

Music - Compose Yourself

Monday 6th January 2014
6.30-8.00pm

Countesthorpe Methodist Church

Join us for 10 weeks of music workshops, ending in a live performance

No experience necessary.
Performance is not compulsory.

Who are we?

Arts for Health are a small community group dedicated to Improving adult (over 16yrs) mental health and wellbeing through art based activity.

Join in!

We welcome all members of the community to our sessions.

No previous experience is necessary for any of our sessions.

All our sessions are priced at £1 per session unless stated otherwise.

Expression of interest

Name.....

Date of birth.....

Address.....

Postcode.....

Contact number.....

Email.....

I am interested in attending

Arts - Express Yourself

Contemporary dance

Music - Compose Yourself

Thank you for your interest a member of our committee will contact you as soon as possible.

See over leaf for where to send you expression of interest to.

Launde Abbey Fund Raising Event



LAUNDE ABBEY

August Fun Day

Bank Holiday Monday 26th 2013 11am to 5pm

Car Boot Sale

Model Railway Exhibition

Ice Creams

Plant Stall

Cake Stall

Classic Cars



Games for All Ages

Bouncy Castle

Art Exhibition

Collectors Fair

Craft Stalls

Local Produce

Launde Lunches

Pony Rides

House Tours

Wacky Races

Price: £5.00 per car including all occupants (£2.00 for individuals)

To book a stall or to exhibit, please contact Suzanne on 01572 718 806 or e-mail: suzanne@launde.org.uk

East Norton, Leicestershire LE7 9XB

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