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Dear Parents/Carers and Friends of the College,

I would like to take this opportunity to bring you up to date with our latest 11-16 development news. It is only a few weeks since the last bulletin, but matters are progressing very rapidly. From discussions with parents/carers, staff, pupils and governors, we have worked towards a curriculum for Key Stage 4 that will suit our range of learners. We will publish the curriculum shortly but in the meantime there will be further discussions with parents at the **Parent Forum Meeting on Tuesday 3 June 2014 at 7.00 pm.**

On page 2, you will see a full summary of the consultation that we recently ran around our admission criteria for 2015-16. Only 4.4% of responses disagreed with the proposals and consequently, governors have agreed for an admission number of 240 with the criteria as stated within the consultation. It is important to note that from 2015, pupils living outside the catchment area are unlikely to be given a place at Brockington College. We are disappointed that this is likely to be the case, but the decision to ultimately be an 11-16 school for 1,200 rather than 1,500 pupils has resulted in this likelihood.

As I have mentioned previously, the Local Authority has been consulting on proposed changes to their Transport Policy for effect from September 2015. Please see page 3 for full details of current potential implications. I can add to the details provided in that the Local Authority have told me personally: all pupils attending Brockington prior to September 2015 i.e. current Year 6 to Year 8 will continue to receive free transport until the end of Year 11; pupils currently in Year 5 and below will be assessed against the proposed criteria (see page 3); pupils transferring to Lutterworth College from the current Year 8 downwards will not receive free transport to Lutterworth unless this is their nearest school and over 3 miles away from their home. This is a complicated issue, so please contact me if you would like to discuss further.

Our current 11-16 work is now focussing on providing the classrooms for a further 300 pupils. Again, this will be discussed with parents at the forthcoming Parents Forum event.

This current bulletin shares with parents some of the recent highlights of life at Brockington College. The Easter services (page 13) were a resounding success due to the hard work of the pupils and members of staff that organised and participated in the services. The input from our pupils was excellent.

Our annual fun run (page 12) raised a significant amount of money for two very worthwhile causes and the amount of pupils participating beat all records. The Year 9 football team retained the County Cup (pages 10/11) following a brilliant 5-1 win in the Final. I would also like to congratulate all Year 9 pupils for their conduct during the recent Year 9 exams. I hope the results reflect their attitude!

Finally, Miss Darby has summarised your views of Brockington College following completion of questionnaires at Consultation Evenings (page 3). The feedback from Year 7 parents at the recent evenings was that 100% of parents said their child was happy at school and well looked after, whilst 99% said their child felt safe, makes good progress and that they would recommend the school to other parents. These views were endorsed by an external advisor who visited this week and spoke to 60 pupils. We could not be in a better position as we approach 11-16 conversion.

Mr Chris Southall, Principal

Dates for your Diary

Parent Forum Meetings:

Tuesday 3 June 2014 7.00 pm

Year 9 "Prom" (Invitation Only)

Friday 27 June 2014

Year 9 Commemoration Evening 7.00 pm start

Wednesday 2 July 2014

New Year 7 (2014/2015) Welcome Day

Monday 7 July 2014 (New Year 7)

New Year 7 (2014/2015) Welcome Evening 7.00 pm start

Monday 7 July 2014 (New Year 7)

Year 9 Induction Days at Lutterworth College

Monday 7 July to Wednesday 9 July 2014

Behaviour for Learning (Reward Trips) (Invitation Only)

Year 7 and 8 Wednesday 9 July 2014

Year 9 Thursday 10 July 2014

2015-16 Admission Consultation

As you will recall there were four proposals within our recent admissions consultation as follows:

Proposal 1:

Admission Number from September 2015 in Year 7 will be capped at 240 pupils

Proposal 2:

Brockington College is adopting in full, the Local Authority (LA's) catchment area that can be viewed on www.leics.gov.uk/admissions

This means no change to the current catchment area.

Proposal 3:

The following primary schools will all have feeder status to Brockington College:

- Croft Church of England Primary School, Brookes Avenue, Croft, Leicestershire, LE9 3GJ
- Enderby Danemill Primary School, Mill Lane, Enderby, Leicester, LE19 4LH
- Greystoke Primary School, Thornton Drive, Narborough, Leicester, LE19 2GX
- Huncote Community Primary School, Denman Lane, Huncote, Leicester, LE9 3BS
- The Pastures Primary School, Thornhills, Narborough, Leicester, LE19 3YP
- Red Hill Field Primary School, Copt Oak Road, Narborough, Leicestershire, LE19 3EF
- Thurlaston Church of England (Aided) Primary School, Desford Road, Thurlaston, Leicester, LE9 7TE

Proposal 4:

Brockington College is seeking to adopt the LA's admission policy and oversubscription criteria in full. (See link www.leics.gov.uk/admissions). For Brockington College, the admission policy would then be as shown within the draft Brockington College Admissions Policy 2015-2016.

There were 93 respondents to the consultation, who were asked to state whether they agreed or disagreed with the proposals. The results were:

Strongly Agree	28%
Agree	43%
Disagree	2.2%
Strongly Disagree	2.2%
Not answered	24.7%

There were 16 respondents who added a comment alongside their 'vote', 13 of which voiced support for all proposals and 3 of which voiced a concern. As a result of the overwhelming support for the proposals, all proposals will be adopted for admission into the college 2015-16. The admissions policy for 2015-16 and appeals timeline is now available on the college website.

Thank you to all those that responded to the consultation.

Potential Changes for Home to School Transport

Leicestershire County Council have recently launched a second consultation around potential changes for home to school transport. The proposal is from September 2015 to offer free transport to the nearest Leicestershire school, if a secondary aged pupil lives over 3 miles away from the nearest school. The current policy offers free transport to the catchment school if living over 3 miles away. The proposal also states that free transport to the catchment school will be offered, where there is a nearer school, if there have been no catchment or age range changes to the school since May 2012. I have spoken to the County Council about pupils currently at Brockington College and they have told me that the current arrangements will be honoured until these pupils leave Brockington at the end of Year 11.

If these proposals are adopted, this is likely to have most effect upon those pupils living in Croft who are in the catchment area for Brockington, but live nearer to Thomas Estley. They would therefore receive free transport to Thomas Estley, not Brockington.

My personal view is that the proposal to have a different system for schools, if they have had a catchment or age range change, is unfair. The proposed system penalises parents/pupils because of a change made by the school for sound educational reasons that is consequently not being supported by the County Council.

The link to the consultation is: www.leics.gov.uk/school_college_transport and you may wish to read the consultation document and consider a response.

Mr Chris Southall, Principal

Consultation Evening Feedback

Year 8 Consultation Evening before Easter was, as always, a superb opportunity for us to find out how parents are feeling about the school. This year, based on the parental feedback from last year, we swapped the Band 2 and Band 1 Consultation Evenings to the opposite evening so that parents who work were able to attend one of the evenings over the three years (either Monday or Wednesday) as well as making it easier to see part-time staff.

The on-line booking system appears, from the feedback we have received, to be working well. Many have commented that the evening now runs more smoothly, your appointments are closer together and for some of you the ability to get appointments rather than relying on your child to make the appointments has made the whole process easier! As usual, parents were asked to complete a questionnaire and I am pleased to say yet again that the replies were extremely positive. Every question received an extremely high score.

For parents of Y7 their first full Consultation Evening has just been completed. It has been wonderful to meet so many parents over the two evenings and for them to be able to give us feedback on our work so far. Parental responses for Y7 followed the patterns of the Y9 and Y8 evenings and were overwhelmingly positive.

At all three Consultation Evenings the area that has caused the most discussion is homework. In context, this is feedback from 30 sets of parents across the whole school. The views expressed are similar to those expressed nationally in many schools. Some parents feel there is too much homework, others feel there is excessive homework in some subjects or too little homework or an inconsistent quantity of homework each week. We have worked to improve this area and will continue to do so in the future. Staff have been made aware of the parental comments and as ever we endeavour to ensure that homework is pitched appropriately. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any concerns.

We would like to thank you for all your comments from all of the Consultation Evenings. We value your comments and every single comment is read by the Senior Leadership Team at a formal review of the feedback. Some parents have requested more regular feedback. Currently our assessment and feedback calendar ensures that parents receive some form of formal feedback every term.

Year Group	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
7	Form Tutor Consultation Evening AP1 Report	Full Written Report	Consultation Evening AP3 Report
8	AP1 Report	Consultation Evening AP2 Report	Full Written Report
9	Full Written Report	Consultation Evening AP2 Report	AP3 Report

As we move to an 11-16 school in August 2015, this calendar will be reviewed so that we can incorporate two more year groups including consultation evenings and report cycles into the system. We will keep you updated on the changes.

In the meantime if you feel there is anything else for us to consider, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.
Clare Darby Vice-Principal

Health & Safety - FIRST AID and Medical Matters

I N H A L E R S

'Hay Fever' Season is upon us!

ALL pupils who use inhalers should keep them on them at **ALL TIMES**. They should be **LABELLED** with their name and form group in case they get lost. Please ensure that the school is informed that your child needs an inhaler in school in case of emergency! You are welcome to provide a spare inhaler in case of emergencies, to be kept in the First Aid room.



Injury or Illness at Home



If your child has sustained an injury or has been poorly at home, please note that we **do not** run a 'medical clinic' staffed by medical personnel. To ensure a correct diagnosis please seek consultation from either: A & E, your G.P. or other medical professionals as appropriate, **before** sending your child into school. Our services are intended for FIRST AID ONLY.

Do we have your Emergency Contact Numbers ?

Please can you ensure that your emergency ☎ contact details are up to date, as these are also needed by Emergency Practitioners. Should you need to make any amendments, please contact the college.



Safety of Medicines



In the interest of safety, ALL pupils required to take medication whilst in school **MUST** have a completed medicines form. Handwritten notes will **NOT** be accepted. Forms are available from reception or online from the school website www.brockington.leics.sch.uk.

Our prime aim is: to help keep your child safe, therefore we regret that we are unable to hand out/ administer ANY medication that is not consented to, nor are we able to **supply** pain medication. All medicines should be prescribed. Medicines should be clearly labelled with your child's name clearly visible on the container/box. If your child is found to have a medicine in school without the appropriate paperwork, the medicine will be looked after until a parent/carer is able to collect it. May I also request that only sufficient stock is supplied for the duration of the condition, due to our limited storage capacity.

If you have any queries or questions or are unsure what to do, please do not hesitate to call, we will be happy to assist.

Thank you for your assistance

Mrs Williamson – Health Co-ordinator Tel: 0116 286 3722 (Extension 109)

Brockington - Health Co-ordinator's NEWS

Toilet Passes

At times your child may need to use the toilet more frequently. Whether this is a result of a physical, biological or emotional issue, could we please ask that a written explanation is provided along with any medical advisory notes from a GP or Consultant, prior to any passes being issued.



Please Read!

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If you have any queries or questions or are unsure **what to do**, please do not hesitate to call, we will be happy to assist.

Thank you for your assistance,
Mrs S Williamson-Health Co-ordinator

Launch at Brockington College of Leicestershire County and Rutland School Nurse Text Messaging Service

There's a new way for students to get in touch with the school nurse – they can now text from their mobile phones. ChatHealth, the school nurse messaging service, is confidential and is available Monday to Friday from 9.00 am to 4.00 pm (automatic bounce-backs respond to incoming messages out of hours).

Students can message for advice on all kinds of health issues: relationships, emotional health and wellbeing, bullying, healthy eating and any general health concerns.

Appointments with the school nurse will continue in the same way with parent or student referrals as usual. Hopefully the texting service will help reduce the waiting list for this valuable service.

The school nurse text number for schools in Leicestershire County and Rutland is 07537 415 801.

Voice it!



As a result of the feedback we received on our 'Anti Bullying' Survey in 2012, we 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, the front of reception and 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 highly successful and they are used on a regular basis. We have found that it has removed the barrier for some pupils; the hardest step can often be telling someone what is wrong and 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 keep 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 reported this year so far:

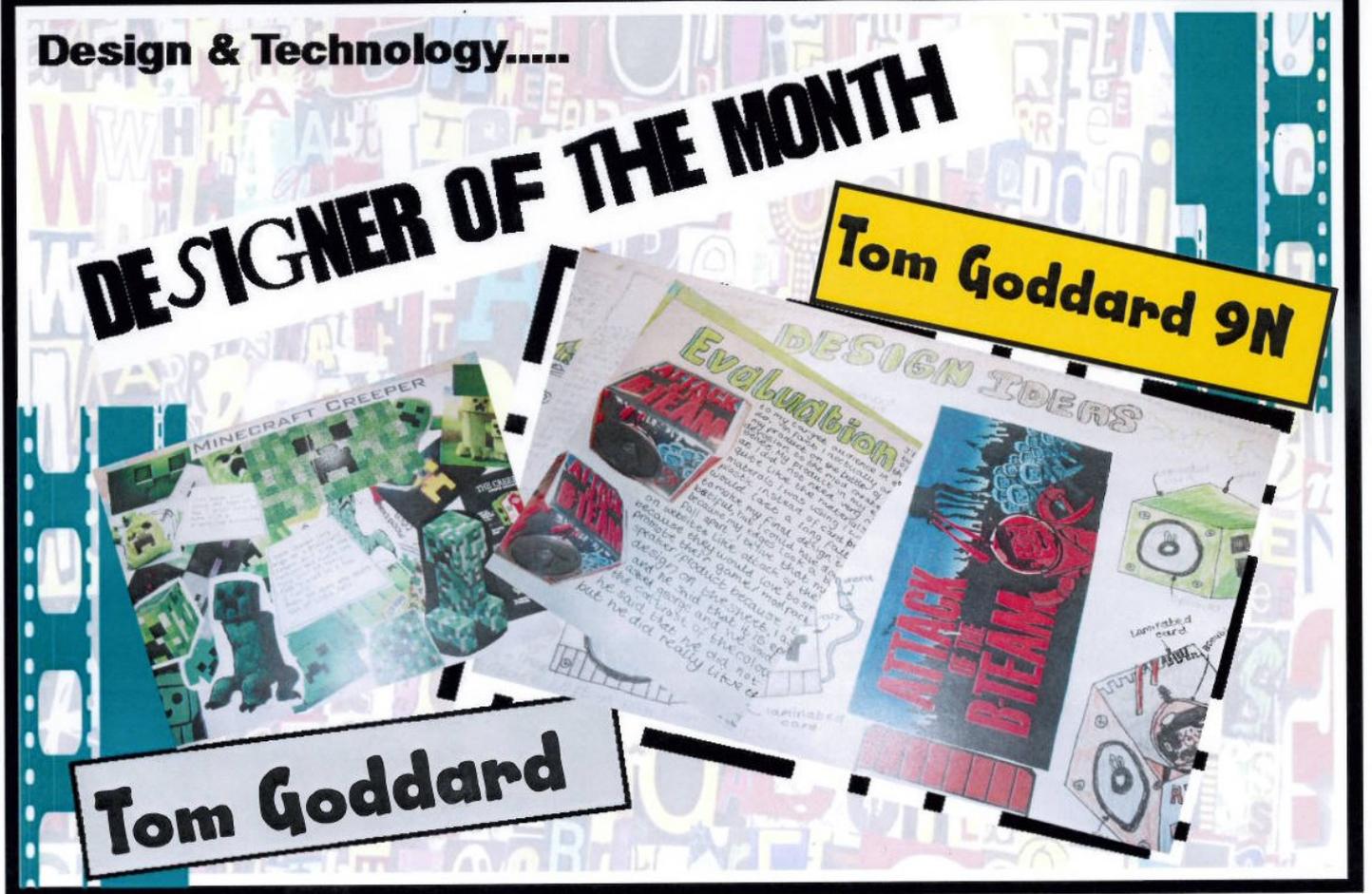
Issues with other pupils (42)	Dealt with by Pastoral Manager/Head of Year
Curriculum Issues (3)	Dealt with by Pastoral Manager/Head of Year
Out of Schools Issue (1)	Dealt with by Pastoral Manager/Head of Year
Bus Issues (2)	Dealt with by Pastoral Manager/Head of Year

Design & Technology.....

DESIGNER OF THE MONTH

Tom Goddard 9N

Tom Goddard



Enderby and Narborough Libraries Threatened with Closure

As you will be aware, we have been encouraging all pupils to read as much as possible in order to develop their reading skills which we know has a large impact upon learning in all areas. This has included dedicated reading time during tutor periods and in English lessons, regular reading homework, literacy activities in all lessons and small group literacy lessons for some pupils.

Many of you may also be aware that Enderby and Narborough Libraries are threatened with closure, which is a concern to us considering the effect that developing reading skills has upon learning.

Enderby Parish Council has contacted us with the concern that local people and organisations should be made aware of the County Council's consultation around library closures.

The County Council has put forward suggestions that less well-used libraries such as the libraries in Enderby and Narborough, may be kept open and run through community partnerships, whether this be via a parish council or a community group.

A consultation event is to be held at Enderby Library on Thursday, 12 June 2014, 7.00 pm.

The County Council consultation on the proposals began on 7 April 2014 and will end at noon on 7 July 2014. Members of the public are encouraged to respond to the consultation. Paper copies are available on request at the library, by telephoning 0116-3057034 or online at www.leics.gov.uk/haveyoursay/futurelibraries where you can access the consultation document, the consultation response form and data relating to the use of all libraries across the county.

If you feel that the retention of a library in Enderby and/or Narborough is important, we would urge you to read and respond to the consultation and/or attend the consultation event.

Leicestershire
Under 13 Badminton County
Championship
March 2014 at
Babington College

Martin Beynon (8O) and Jack Durrance (8K) took part in the event.

The Boys Singles was won by Martin, who beat Jack in a close final. It was the same story in both the Boys Doubles and the Mixed Doubles, with Martin winning both events, but with Jack reaching both finals. A clean sweep of all the medals by Brockington pupils.

While the three finals were fiercely fought, there was a great attitude and mutual respect between Martin and Jack.



Football Success!



In December 2011, Brockington College was pleased to be selected to host trials for West Bromwich Albion Football Club's East Midlands Football Development School.

FDS-WBA runs a community football scheme with the ultimate aim of scouting young players from the East Midlands to the main West Bromwich Albion premiership football academy.

Thomas Thorpe from form 7G (then at Red Hill Field Primary School) tried out for the scheme along with around 70 other budding football stars. The coaches spotted Tom's attitude and skills and selected him for their development school. After a year in the development school playing tournaments and attending regular coaching sessions in Leicester and Birmingham, he was promoted to the Shadow Academy where he is currently the under 12 squad Captain.

In addition to playing regular fixtures against English academy teams, Tom has played in two tournaments in Holland and another in France. The most recent Dutch trip this Easter saw his team finish fourth out of twenty four European academy teams, but their biggest success to date is winning the French tournament at Lille just before Christmas.

Following their Dutch success at Easter, the East Midlands WBA Shadow Squad has been invited to return to Holland this half term to play in another tournament. They will be carrying the British challenge to teams such as Ajax, PSG, Copenhagen and Stuttgart.

Brockington College staff and students congratulate him and wish him all the best in his efforts. Well done Tom, keep up the good work!

Athletics



Track & Field Cup Competition

Brockington fielded four teams in the first round of the Track & Field Cup Competition held at Saffron Lane on Tuesday 13 May. Our athletes were against strong opposition from Leicester Grammar, Kibworth and Robert Smyth Academy.

In the Junior boys age group (Year 8) we finished third out of seven teams and in the Intermediate boys age group (Years 9 and 10) we finished fourth out of seven teams.

In the Junior girls age group we finished fifth out of eight teams which was only 17 points behind the winners, Leicester Grammar School and in the Intermediate girls age group we finished seventh out of nine teams.

There were lots of impressive performances. The best are highlighted below:

Best track and field performances at each age group:

I.B. Faizan Elahi	24.52 m Discus	I.G. Lauren Hart	2:57.4 - 800 metres
Faizan Elahi	25.8 - 200 metres	Kate Wesson	7.40 m Shot Putt
J.B. William Bozon	21.99 m Javelin	J.G. Alice Hewitt	29.8 - 200 metres
Jamal Brown	13.4 - 100 metres	Tia Vyas	6.96m Shot Putt

Junior Girls (J.G)

Finished 5th out of 7 teams only 2 points behind 3rd place

Intermediate Boys (I.B)

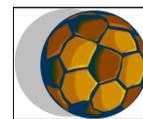
Finished 7th out of 7 teams

Intermediate Girls (I.G)

Finished 7th out of 7 teams

(Intermediate age group includes Year 10 pupils)

Football



Leicestershire County Cup Final Brockington 5 - Gartree 0

The Year 9 football team completed their amazing season of success by winning the Leicestershire County Cup final for the second consecutive year. The final was played at Manor Road on the 1 May against our opponents, Gartree High School. We had played them twice before this season in the League and the League Final and on both occasions the games were tense and close matches. We knew the final was going to be difficult and that Gartree would be really up for it after losing narrowly in the last two games. The game started at a fast pace and Brockington were quickly closing down space and pressurising Gartree when they had possession. The fitness and determination of the team was a delight to see. Very quickly it was obvious that we were dominating possession. We threatened the Gartree goal from corners and nearly scored when the ball hit the cross bar. It wasn't long before we went ahead with a goal from Arish Cheema, who received a pass just outside the 18 yard box, ran at his opponent, stepped to his right and unleashed a thunderbolt strike into the top right hand corner of the goal. We went into half time 1 – 0.

The second half followed a similar pattern to the first. Our passing game started to become more evident and we again dominated possession and territory. A Josh Snowball goal made it 2-0. A goal from Rubyn Gill and an own goal sealed the win before another almost identical strike to the one in the first half from Arish Cheema completed an historical win for this very successful team. No other Brockington football team has been successful as this one.

Congratulations to Aaran Girn, Lewis Gibbens, Rubyn Gill, James Graham, Mitchell Fairhurst, Arish Cheema, Joe Gurney, Charlie Jones, Kesten hands, Joel Tailby, Amanjot Sidhu, Joe Harper (Year 8) Recognition also goes to Joe Harper from Year 8 who stepped in to play in goal in the absence of the regular keeper who was unavailable. Many thank Joe.

2013-2014 Season

The Year 9 team have a very impressive set of results. They have played in three competitions, namely the English Schools National Cup, the Leicestershire County Cup and the South Leicestershire League. They have played a total of 19 matches, winning 18 of them and losing just one.

In the league they scored 32 goals and conceded only 3, beating Bushloe High School 4 – 1 in the semi-final and Gartree High School 1 – 0 in the League Final. In the Leicestershire Cup they played 5 games scoring 19 goals and conceding 6, culminating with a 3 – 2 win against Manor High School in the semi-final and a 4 – 1 victory over Gartree in the final. In the English Schools National Cup they progressed to round 10 of the competition which was the quarter finals. We scored 32 goals and conceded 16 in this competition. The only team to beat us was Malet Lambert School from Hull.

The team's success has been attributed to the boys' hard work, trust in each other and their desire to win. Some of the football they have played has been brilliant. The performances against Bushloe in the semi-final of the Cup and win against John Port School in the 4th Round of the National Cup were my highlights. A thank you should also go to Mr Buck and the football and fitness coaches who have worked throughout the season to coach the team.

We wish you all the best for the future. Thank you and good luck.

Mr Platts - PE

Year 9 County Cup

Having already secured the league title, the County Cup was to be a fitting final game for the team. Our opponents on the night were the only team to beat us in three years in the league. All the games between the two teams had been close, 2-1 to Gartree in Year 7, 2-1 to Brockington in Year 8 and 1-0 to Brockington in Year 9. The team prepared really well in their final training session and were determined to retain the trophy, being County Cup winners in Year 8.



The game started at a really good pace with Brockington taking the initiative from the off, imposing themselves on Gartree. The midfield got an early grip of the game and with the movement of the forwards Gartree were having to do a lot of defending.

Lewis Gibbens was a real handful for Gartree, holding the ball up, and providing some really dangerous crosses that Aaron Girn was a whisker away from converting. With excellent delivery of corners from James Graham, Brockington looked a real threat.

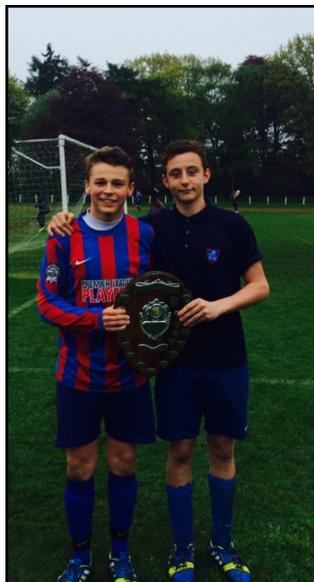
Gartree were limited to chasing a few long balls, which led to them winning a succession of corners which caused a few scares for Brockington. After 10 minutes we had to re-organise our back four as the unfortunate Joseph Gurney had to come off with a back problem; Amanjot Sidhu moving to centre half and Joel Tailby going on at left back. Brockington responded well and Gartree were pinned back into their own half once more.

With corners and crosses raining in it seemed it would only be a matter of time before the goal came. It finally arrived, courtesy of a thunderbolt from Arish Cheema from fully 25 yards out 1-0. Pressure continued to be applied and chances came and went, with the post and defenders clearing efforts off the line, keeping the score line to 1-0 at half time.

Gartree started the second half with a shot right from the kick off, trying to catch Joe Harper in goal..... Nothing doing. The game quickly started to follow the same pattern as the first half. Lewis Gibbens and Mitchell Fairhurst linking well on the right, with Josh Snowball charging through the centre. The excellent work of the midfield, James Graham, Rubyn Gill, Arish Cheema and Mitchell Fairhurst, winning the ball back and asking questions of Gartree with their passing and movement, ensured Brockington kept the upper hand. Josh Snowball on as a second half sub broke the second half deadlock with a clever run into the box onto a pass from Kesten Hands to beat the on rushing keeper with a clever finish 2-0.

Brockington knew the game wasn't over, not against a Gartree team who had run us so close before, so continued to work hard to win the ball back in a controlled manner with the team pressing as a whole unit.

The back four, superbly marshalled once again by the excellent Charlie Jones, never gave the Gartree forwards a chance of note, with Amanjot Sidhu relishing his role in the centre of defence and the assured influence of Kesten Hands, with Joel Tailby cleverly using the space in front of him to support the midfield.



The third goal came, with great skill from Mitchell Fairhurst, creating a shooting opportunity for himself that the goal keeper touched onto the bar and post where the rebound hit a sprawling defender and crossed the line 3-0.

Gartree never gave up and continued to work hard, despite the scoreline. The fourth came from another cross from the right, headed back across goal by Aaron Girn for the on rushing Rubyn Gill, bursting from midfield, to score with a fine header.

The best was yet to come. Aaron Girn chased a long ball down to the corner flag, with nothing much on he held the ball up, moving back towards his midfield before linking up with Rubyn Gill. Rubyn kept the ball, cleverly waiting for the space to develop and dropped the ball off to Arish Cheema. Arish dropped his shoulder on two on rushing Gartree players, moved the ball to his right and hit an absolute screamer into the top right corner. 5-0. A great way to win a cup final and a great way to round off the three great years we've had with this team.

It just leaves me to wish them all the best for the future and to thank them for the host of memories they have left me with. Mr S Buck - Facilities Manager

Brockington College 2014 Fun Run

On Friday 4 April, we held our third annual fun run and a non uniform day.

This year, 800 of our pupils volunteered to take part, our largest number so far. Fancy dress was optional and there were some very interesting outfits on display; many from the staff of the college looking to outdo each other! The College was fundraising for two very special causes; The Nicholls Spinal Injury Foundation and Kash4Kenya. The Nicholls Spinal Injury Foundation is the chosen charity of Claire Lomas who recently visited the college to speak about how she has rebuilt her life since being paralysed from the chest down in 2007. Kash4Kenya is a Brockington College project which helps provide opportunities for those youngsters in our partner school in Mtwapa, Kenya.

The grand total raised from the fun run stands at a massive **£6,083.27**. A massive thank you to all those who took part in the event and collected sponsors. Your hard work and generosity is amazing. A big thanks also to all the staff who helped to supervise the event.



Photograph of Kallum Hurd who was the top fundraiser with £180.00



Claire Lomas has given a signed copy of her book "Finding my Feet" to the top fundraisers. The winners were Lizzie Chauhan, Freya Williams, Georgia Ogden, Maigan Kirk and Kallum Hurd. Further photographs can be found on the Brockington College website. Miss Wyeth.



Brockington Easter Service

The Brockington pupils attended an Easter Service at Enderby Parish Church on Friday 11 April 2014



Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils led the service, which involved a Choir performing the hymns, a performance exploring 'identity' and a message of the Christian beliefs of Jesus' identity and the celebration of his Resurrection. Mrs A McKenzie.



RE Noah Workshop

The Brockington 'Noah' day was a great success! Pupils worked with diligence and took a lot away from the day. Activities involved:

- Independent research on different religious and non-religious views on the Biblical story of Noah
- Art and Drama activities demonstrating their knowledge
- Researching views on the rights of animals and their importance
- Researching religious viewpoints on the treatment of animals
- GCSE questioning
- A questions and answers session with local Christians and staff



A big thank you to Crystal McAllister, Mike McAllister and Charlotte Bodsworth from our Christian Lunch Club for attending the day, assisting pupils with their learning and being part of the question and answer session. Mrs A McKenzie.

**Here are the Star Achievers and Rising Stars
for this half term in English.**

STAR ACHIEVERS	<u>Year 7</u>	<u>Year 8</u>	<u>Year 9</u>
Band 1	Charlotte Watts (7R)	Ruby Warren (8T)	Samuel Tikkanen (9R)
Band 2	Harmonjot Dehal (7G)	Jack Rawson (8N)	Lucy Smith (9K)

RISING STAR	<u>Year 7</u>	<u>Year 8</u>	<u>Year 9</u>
Band 1	Luke Smith (7R)	Tamzin Shaw (8C)	Ellie Creed (9B)
Band 2	Molly Pennick (7G)	Hollie Clark (8I)	Sofia Vassallo (9K)

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

Year 7 Library Reading Challenge



The Autumn Term Challenge was such a success that we decided to keep the momentum going by doing another reading challenge during the Spring Term. Year 7 did not let us down! There were 12 Gold Certificate winners, all of whom would have read over 10 books, but some had read a lot more! The 10 Silver Certificate winners all would have read over 7 books and one or two almost reached ten to get the Gold. There were 15 Bronze Certificate winners, all of whom would have read 5 or 6 books. This fantastic group of certificate winners read between them over 270 books. Congratulations to them all.

For the Summer Term we are changing the Reading Challenge slightly by opening it up to the whole school and asking competitors to read as many books as they can in six weeks between 19 May and 30 June. There will be certificates and reward stickers for the winners.

Mrs Gardner - Library

Brockington Masterchef 2014

Once again Brockington Masterchef will be taking place on Wednesday 2 July 2014. Pupils will cook a main course and a dessert within 1 hour 15 minutes and present for judging. The theme can be chosen from the following:

Locally Sourced

Dressed to Impress

Summer Sun

The place setting will need to reflect the theme chosen. The winner receives a trophy and Masterchef title 2014.

If you think you can work well under pressure please email only your interest and why you should be chosen to fed@brockington.leics.sch.uk

Mrs F Clarke



Performing Arts



Summer Musical Tuesday 24 and Wednesday 25 June 7.00 pm

The rehearsals for the musical are going really well. Pupils are working hard to learn lines, dances and songs. Before Easter, pupils applied for backstage roles, this included set design, marketing and costume and make-up. This meant that even those who do not want to perform are able to be involved in the production and learn new skills. Tickets will be available to purchase after half term. We look forward to seeing many of you here to support our many talented pupils!

Boys' Choral Project at Leicester Grammar School

On Wednesday 30 April pupils from Brockington College took part in a Boys' Choral Project which encourages young men to sing. We sang a variety of songs from Old Abram Brown to a pop song called Viva La Versa. Our songs were recorded and we sounded like a professional choir with our voices ranging from low voice basses right up to trebles, which made it sound brilliant. The trip has certainly built up people's confidence, being able to sing with other boys who share the same enjoyment. One of our pupils said "The songs were brilliant and I want to come next year." The trip was such a joy to run. By Ben Hunter.

Primary Schools' Choral Project

On Wednesday 9 April the Primary Schools Choral Project performance took place at Brockington. About 160 primary school pupils from our feeder schools came to Brockington and performed along with our vocal group. The choral project was amazing. All of the children from the primary schools sang very well, and all in all it was an amazing evening. The pieces sung included 'Sing' by Gary Barlow and Andrew Lloyd Webber, 'Electricity' from the Billy Elliot musical, and 'Colours Of The Wind' from the amazing Disney film Pocahontas. Brockington Orchestra also performed two pieces, Pirates of the Caribbean and Chariots of Fire. We had worked really hard and sounded great! By Daniel Langstaff.

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.

Due to the Leicester-shire Arts in Education no longer being able to provide lessons for us, 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 overleaf. They will then send out their information and contracts in order to start lessons with them.

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

Miss Styles

Instrumental teachers contact details:

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	patrickjwhitemusicteacher@hotmail.co.uk
Cornet, Trombone, Baritone, French Horn	Mr Alex Crutchley	latheduckap@hotmail.co.uk
Violin, Viola	Ms Sally Smith	sasviolinviola@hotmail.co.uk
Ukulele	Mr Mark Ferraby	mark@littleredtruck.co.uk 07901 560 215

Music Extra-Curricular Activities

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Break	Practice rooms available for <u>all musicians</u> wishing to practice.				
Lunch	Practice rooms available for <u>all musicians</u> to use. Annie – Vocal rehearsal 024	Practice rooms available for <u>year 7 musicians</u> to use. Annie – Vocal rehearsal 022	Practice rooms available for <u>all musicians</u> to use.	Practice rooms available for <u>year 8 musicians</u> to use.	Practice rooms available for <u>year 9 musicians</u> to use. Vocal group 024
After school	Department closed	Brockington Orchestra Annie – Drama rehearsals	Practice rooms available for <u>all musicians</u> to use. Annie – Dance rehearsals	Practice rooms available for <u>all musicians</u> to use. Annie – Drama rehearsals	Annie – Full cast rehearsals, drama studio

Game Changers Trip

On Friday 4 May eight pupils from Brockington College left for London for the chance to be on television in the audience of Sky Sports Game Changers. Arriving at London's St Pancras train station the pupils were greeted and escorted through the station by their own personal chauffeur.

The wide eyed pupils entered the 4 star Radison Blu Hotel and excitedly went to see their rooms, followed by the much anticipated McDonalds dinner and then bed.

A 5.45 am wakeup call had the pupils ready to visit Sky Studios for 6.30 am and they arrived to a warm welcome. They were given Sky Sports t-shirts and asked if they wanted to take part in the 'bobsleigh race'. Those that said yes were taken away for rehearsals while those left behind were treated to an entertaining pep talk from Serge, the man who would look after them during their stay.

It was now time for the show to start and, after a warm up involving games, dancing and races, the cameras went live for all the country to see. Brockington pupils took pride of place in the centre of the set and involved themselves interviewing celebrities, cheering, waving to the camera and, of course, the 'bobsleigh race'.

After the show the pupils were treated to a tour of Sky Studios and given the chance to create their own news report, deciding on the story, taking turns on the camera, acting and editing. The end result was very impressive.

On the journey back the pupils wrote down their own thoughts about the trip to Sky Sports, summing up a great experience.

Lydia Rankine - *I liked actually being in the show with everyone and getting signatures. I liked getting here on the train with sweets. I loved the posh hotel and rooms apart from the butterfly that tried to attack me and Rebecca. I loved being in the studios and making the news channel thing as well as the mini tour. I also liked the McDonalds.*

Cameron Sleath - *The news report where we played different parts in the news, it was entertaining.*

Taylor Brailsford - *I think the best bit for me was making the news reports because it was fun making them and dressing up. Also going to McDonalds*

Sam Down - *I think the best bits were being on TV, going in the skills studio, meeting the celebrities and all of it.*

Rebecca Harris - *I enjoyed creating the Sky News and how we watched it all at the end. I have learnt that there are lots of lights in the sets to make the sets realistic. Also I enjoyed the whole game changers program. I loved when we arrived at the hotel because it was posh and luxurious and the beds were really comfy.*

Evelyn Cartwright - *My favourite part of the trip is when I was on TV sitting next to Gareth Ellis and also I loved making our own video in the studio. I also enjoyed the part when Rebecca was in the bobsleigh.*



Tyler Smith - *The best bit was the super skill studios report. The funniest bit was being on Game Changers. Also I have learnt to edit a report (for the news).*

Paige Stone - *The experience of going on the telly was the best experience. The only thing that I didn't like was the train journey because I had a headache. The best thing of the whole trip was making our own TV show but another thing was that the teachers were amazing and they were FUN.*

Miss Reynolds and Mr Moore



Charity Committee News



Currently our Charity Committee are working on various projects. Upcoming events include the Readathon, our Summer event. Pupils are also working on our Charity board to inform pupils and visitors of the work we have done.

A month ago, eight pupils visited the Charity Committee to propose a charity event to take place at school during lunch time to raise money for Rainbows. The girls sold Easter cakes, Easter boxes, bookmarks and chocolate treats.

Money raised by the pupils at Brockington for the Rainbow Hospice was £48.00!

Thank you to everyone who supported this event and a special thanks to Jess Sutton and Katie Stuchbury, Holly Clarke and Amelia Langton for setting up and running the event.

Mrs McKenzie

HOLIDAY DATES FOR 2013-2014

Summer Term 2014

Mid-term break: 26 May to 30 May 2014
School closes: 11 July 2014

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

Sainsbury's Active Kids 2014 Vouchers



Once again the school is collecting 'Sainsbury's Active Kids' vouchers. There is a collection box in the main school reception.

The campaign runs from Wednesday 29 January to **Tuesday 20 May 2014.**

Last year the school did really well and was able to order several extra items for the PE Department.



So, don't forget to bring them in!

Kenya 2014

Charlie Garner successfully climbed Ben Nevis on Saturday 5 April 2014 and in the process has raised over £500 for Kash4Kenya. His parents are justifiably very proud of him and wanted to share this fantastic achievement. Please let the college know of similar success stories that we can share.

Kash 4 Kenya
Fundraising projects to enable Brockington Students
to visit & support schools in Mtwapa



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
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Adult Learning at Brockington

We offer a variety of daytime and evening classes for adults in the following curriculum areas:



Health and Wellbeing, Arts, Languages, Skills for Life and ICT.

We have many new courses starting in the Summer Terms including:-

BSL Taster Course	Tuesday	3 June	(7.00 pm to 9.00 pm)
GCSE Maths Taster Course	Monday and Thursday	16 June	(6.30 pm to 9.00 pm)
Chinese Culture	Saturday	4 June	(10.00 am to 12.00 noon)

FREE ENGLISH, MATHS AND ICT courses (subject to terms and conditions).
Up to 100% discount on courses for those in receipt of benefits.

For more information or to enrol please call 0800 988 0308 or visit www.leics.gov.uk/golearn