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Dear Parents/Carers and Friends of the College,

Welcome to the final edition of the college bulletin for the current academic year. It has been an extremely busy year, as they tend to be at Brockington, with pupils and staff alike certainly 'living life to the full'. As you would expect, this edition of the bulletin reflects some of the most recent events and celebrates some outstanding pupil work. Having been present at the Year 9 Prom and performances of Annie, these two events will last long in my memory for the enormous amount of pride generated by our pupils and staff working together.

We will miss the current Year 9 pupils as they move to their upper schools and would love to be in the position where they could stay at Brockington to complete their secondary education. We know from your comments, and those of the pupils, that this feeling is mutual. However, we will keep a very keen eye on their progress and wish them the very best for their future.

As you will see on page 2, the attainment and progress for the current Year 9 pupils is excellent. This obviously reflects extremely well upon the pupils, but is clearly not possible without the hard work and dedication of the team of staff at the college. The pupils are so fortunate to have such a committed group of professionals supporting them, as shown by the levels that pupils reach; the number of clubs and trips on offer; the personal help provided for pupils and the care that members of staff demonstrate on a day-to-day basis. As an aside, over 50 members of the college staff attended the performances of Annie and over 30 members of staff spent their Friday evening at the Year 9 Prom. I am very thankful to all members of staff for their work this year.

Finally, thank you to all parents and carers for your support this year. We benefit from high numbers of parents and carers attending consultation evenings, parents' forum and other events. Additionally, we know that we can call upon you to help us deal with the range of day-to-day matters that involve pupils at the school. We wish you all a happy summer holiday with your families.

Mr Chris Southall, Principal

YEAR 9 FINAL ASSESSMENTS

Attainment

The final levels awarded to Year 9 pupils are detailed below with comparisons to last year's results, last year's results across the county and the % required to be within the top 25% of schools:

Subject	LEVEL 5 (%)				LEVEL 6 (%)				LEVEL 7 (%)			
	2014	2013	LA	25%	2014	2013	LA	25%	2014	2013	LA	25%
English	94	95	93	95	77	74	67	70	23	15	20	24
Maths	95	96	91	92	82	77	72	77	45	39	40	46
Science	100	98	95	95	86	71	70	74	39	29	29	32
Art	99	99	94	94	74	71	63	64	26	24	17	24
D&T	100	98	96	94	74	86	69	63	16	27	15	20
Geog	98	97	94	93	83	82	65	63	34	26	18	23
Hist	97	97	94	92	82	88	64	61	26	22	17	22
ICT	99	98	95	91	83	80	62	52	20	7	12	13
MFL	91	89	88	83	40	49	56	51	5	6	15	14
Music	99	97	96	93	73	56	59	57	13	14	12	19
PE	95	97	96	94	61	72	60	59	13	13	11	19
Drama	100	99	N/A	N/A	77	49	N/A	N/A	4	5	N/A	N/A
RE	99	97	92	N/A	87	85	58	N/A	30	24	14	N/A

Across all subjects and at most levels, there is improved attainment in comparison to the previous year's data, with performance significantly higher than LA results in 2013. Many results across all subjects show performance within the top 25% of schools nationally.

Progress

Progress is the measure of improvement across all pupils from Key Stage 2 average points score in English or maths to Key Stage 3 average points score in English or maths. The progress made by our pupils in English and maths is shown below with the comparison to 2013:

	ENGLISH		MATHS	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
All Pupils	10.74	9.9	12.31	11.3
Boys	10.25	9.7	12.31	11.6
Girls	11.30	10.0	12.33	11.0
SEN	9.68	10.0	11.11	9.2
AG&T	14.00	11.4	15.20	11.8
Pupil Premium	10.29	9.3	11.60	11.2

Results for progress are excellent and demonstrate the impact of teaching and learning improvements across the curriculum. 12 points progress demonstrates 2 full levels of progress across the key stage, with the expected level of progress being 3 full levels (18 points) from KS2 to KS4. The progress made by Able, Gifted and Talented pupils, which was a target for the school, is extremely impressive. (It should be noted that the national progress rates, from Key Stage 2 to Key Stage 3, for maths compared to English are regularly higher).

BROCKINGTON MATTERS

An Introduction to Brockington's Parent Governors

My name is Paul Johnson and I've been a parent governor at Brockington for the past three years. My daughter is currently in Year 8 and I also have a son who previously attended Brockington and has just completed his GCSE examinations.

There are three other parent governors at the college and they all have children attending Brockington College. The names of the other parent governors are:

Helen Gleave, Philippa Graham and Debbie Jones. Debbie's term of office has just come to an end after four years of service and we are currently electing a further parent governor (see back page). Although we have four 'official' parent governors, there are also other governors that have or have had children at the school. These governors are foundation governors, which means that they are appointed by the Diocese.

To give you some background, the role of the governing body is mainly a strategic one in the running of the school. It includes setting up a strategic framework for the school, setting its aims and objectives, setting policies and targets for achieving these objectives, reviewing progress and reviewing the strategic framework in the light of progress. The governing body should act as a critical friend to the principal and the college by providing advice and support.

The governing body at Brockington is split up into smaller committees that are responsible for the specific strategic areas of leadership and management, teaching and learning, achievement, behaviour and safety and finance. Parent governors are represented on a number of these committees and bring a parent's perspective to the meetings. I'm currently part of the Finance and Leadership and Management groups and I'm also the parent governor representative on a special committee that has been set up to work on the school's conversion to 11-16 status, a change which will start in September 2015. Because the move to 11-16 affects many aspects of the school, the work of this group has covered a variety of topics ranging from new buildings and classrooms, Key Stage 4 curriculum, finance and budgeting, as well as staff development and transport. Most recently we have interviewed representatives from several commercial companies that could help us build the new classrooms and facilities needed for the extra students that the college will have in Year 10 during the 2015/16 academic year.

In forthcoming school bulletins over the next academic year, we will continue to provide you with regular updates on the progress and plans for the change to 11-16. I would also urge you to attend the regular parent forum meetings, which are held every half-term, where you will receive more in-depth information about Brockington College and especially the plans for 11-16. I hope you all have a good summer break!

Paul Johnson - Parent Governor

End of Term Arrangements July 2014

School will close for the summer holidays at 12.40 pm on Friday 11 July 2014

The school buses will arrive for 12.40 pm and will depart at approximately 12.50 pm. If your child receives free school meals, they must pre-order a packed 'Grab and Go' lunch at break time on the final day of term, which will be ready for collection from 'Cindy's Pantry' as they depart at 12.40 pm.

There will be the facility for any child to stay in school and be supervised until 2.20 pm, although there will be no school buses at this time. Please contact Mrs Nixon via the school office if you would like to make use of this facility.

Please note that there will be reduced administrative support over the holidays, so if you need to contact school at this time, please be aware that a response may not be immediate.

Pupils will be due back at school on Thursday 28 August 2014 by 8.35 am. School uniform requirements remain the same for the next academic year and we will be strictly enforcing our uniform policy, which can be found on our website. I would be grateful if you could please ensure that your child meets all requirements, especially those relating to girl's skirts and trousers. If in doubt, please contact the school before purchasing.

Thank you for your support across the academic year and we look forward to seeing all Year 7 and Year 8 pupils again in August, and wish all Year 9 pupils the best of luck at their new schools. If you have any questions regarding these arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Dates for your Diary

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 Year 8 Wednesday 9 July 2014

Year 9 Thursday 10 July 2014



Sainsbury's Active Kids 2014 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.



Latest School Catering News



Identity cards must be used to purchase items from the canteen or The Pantry - no cash is allowed.

Should your child forget their identity card they can purchase a lunch voucher from the office.

If a pupil has no card or cash, the office will lend them a lunch voucher after contacting a parent/carer. The lunch voucher is payable the next school day at the office.

All identity cards must show the pupil's name and photograph. Any defaced cards used will not be returned and will need replacing at a cost of £3.50.



Reminder

In the interests of other pupils with nut allergies, please do not include nuts or nut products in your child's packed lunch. Thank you.

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.

College Catering Prices Annual Increases Will Take Effect from Thursday 28 August 2014

Meal Deals will now be from £2.30

Freshly made to order baguettes from £1.65

Drinks available from 20p to £1.00

GCSE Religious Studies

As we move to 11-16 status, the first GCSE course to be started by pupils will be Religious Studies. Current Year 8 pupils will commence their Religious Studies (RS) GCSE Course this September. Pupils will study RS for one hour per week through Years 9, 10 and 11 and cover the syllabus for the AQA Religious Studies B Full Course GCSE. All pupils will be entered for the examination in 2017, which will be graded A*-G. Both members of the Brockington College RS Department have taught AQA RS GCSE within the past 2 years and are also GCSE Examiners.

The units that pupils will study for their RS GCSE are:

Unit 2: Religion and Life issues

Unit 3: Religion and Morality

Both units will comprise a 1½ hour exam at the end of Y11 to receive a full GCSE qualification.

Within each of these units, topics studied include:

Religion and Life issues:

- Religion and Animal Rights
- Religion and Planet Earth
- Religion and Prejudice
- Religion and Peace
- Religion and Early Life

Religion and Morality:

- Religious Attitudes to Matters of Life
- Religious Attitudes to Crime and Punishment
- Religious Attitudes to Drug Abuse
- Religious Attitudes to the Rich and Poor in British Society
- Religious Attitudes to World Poverty

Each GCSE unit of study will finish with end of unit assessments taken in class, from which pupils will receive a GCSE grading based on the AQA grade boundaries. Parents will be informed of these grades at each Assessment Point throughout Y9, Y10 and Y11. There will be an outstanding revision programme in place in Y9 through to Y11 to assist pupils in preparation for the final examinations.

There will be an expectation that pupils will commit to their study, as they would with all GCSE courses, completing all homework activities to the best of their ability and linked to their current 'working at' GCSE grade, as well as catching up with any missed work due to absences to assist them with their learning and progression.

At a specially arranged Parent Forum meeting next term, parents will be invited to ask questions of the Principal and Curriculum Team Leader for RS about the RS course.

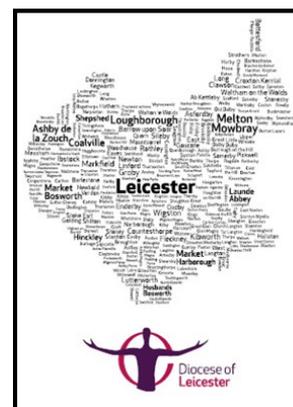
The RS staff at Brockington College are thoroughly looking forward to putting into use their vast experiences and knowledge of RS GCSE and A Level teaching and examining. In the meantime, if you would like further information on RS GCSE, please email the RS Curriculum Team Leader, Mrs McKenzie, at: amc@brockington.leics.sch.uk

Mrs McKenzie

RE Lessons this Term

Thanks to the goodwill of the local Diocese and Enderby Parish Church, our pupils were treated to a somewhat different RE lesson. The event was called *Breathe*, involving pupils using MP3 players and following instructions to complete different station activities involving topics exploring their identities in relation to God, the world and other people.

The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the experience and having the opportunity to work independently to explore and consider their true identity. Mrs McKenzie



BROCKINGTON NEWS

Year 9 Prom Friday 27 June 2014



Over 200 Year 9 pupils attended their “glamour and glitz” themed Year 9 prom at Greene King Stadium, Hinckley.

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

Prom Queen

Ella Dakin

Prom King

Charlie Jones

Best Couple

Hannah Burton and Oliver McAllister

Best Dancer

Male: Mahamud Sulayman

Female: Natalie Crisp

Special thanks to Mrs Robinson and Mrs Wright who turned Greene King Stadium, Hinckley into a glamorous and glitzy gala event.

Also thanks to Mr Spencer for the photography.

Design & Technology.....

DESIGNER OF THE MONTH

Oliver McAllister9R

Oliver McAllister

Literacy Homework

This term **7K** and **9L** won a film afternoon for being the two best forms at handing in their literacy homework on time. A big well done to them. Literacy homework will continue next year in our mission to be even better readers.

This is 7K with their books!

Individual winners of a book voucher, picked at random were

Year 7

Jack Daisley (7N)

Year 8

Joseph Crofts (8G)

Year 9

Logan Waudby (9C)



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:

8 Peer Issues	Dealt with by Pastoral Manager/Head of Year
1 Other Issue	Dealt with by Attendance Manager

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY



WISE

women into science, engineering and construction

Eleven 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.

On day one we visited Caterpillar and the girls were involved in production line activities and had a tour of the factory. They were able to meet female apprentices who shared their experiences.

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



The girls all had a great time. "It was inspiring and I learnt a lot about engineering"
Alice Hewitt



Literacy
Stars
of
the
Month
June
2014



<u>Subject</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Form</u>
English	Lorena Perez	7N
	Nathan Atkinson	7L
Mathematics	Ella Bee	8B
	William Bozon	8B
Science	Millie Reed	8C
	Edward Meek	8R
Art	Millie Reed	8C
	Phoebe Howe	7I
Design Technology	Abbie Waterson	9O
	Joseph Gurney	9B
History	Lucy Senior	7K
Geography	Cristofer Vassallo	8T
	Ella Bee	8B
RE	Kate Wesson	9T
	Ashlyn Bates	7L
Languages	Jack Woods	7B
	Chloe Dean	8B
PE	Emily Olsen	7R
	Simone Collins	8L
ICT	Madeleine Burnham	7L
	Zain Elahi	7N
PHSCE	Callum Sowah	7K
	Serena Ho	8L
	Thomas Christie-Smith	8K
	Nicole Wenlock	9B
	James Parker	9K
Performing Arts	Robbie Johnson	8O
	Lucy Moseley	7I

Readathon

A big thank you to all those that collected money for our recent sponsored read 'Readathon'.

A total of £280.00 was raised, meaning we get £56.00 back to spend in our library. The remaining cash will be split between three children's charities; 'Readwell', 'CLIC Sargent' and 'Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity'. The two pupils that raised the most money were Lucy H Smith (9K) and Charlotte E. Moore (8R). They both received a £5.00 book token from Readathon. Well done girls. Mrs V Carr



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	Caitlin Potts (7O)	Olivia Starie (8B)	Jay Fretter (9C)
Band 2	Phoebe Howe (7I)	Natalia Dobson (8K)	Adam Bradford (9N)

RISING STAR	<u>Year 7</u>	<u>Year 8</u>	<u>Year 9</u>
Band 1	Henry Tomlinson (7B)	Joseph Riddle (8T)	Lucy Power (9R)
Band 2	Caitlin Lawrence (7L)	Jacob Jones (8N)	George Silke (9G)

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

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 second time, we entered 35 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 1 May 2014 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 79 or more for Gold, 63 or more for Silver and 50 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 60 of them gained certificates (66 %). **5 Gold, 22 Silver and 33 Bronze.**

Ashleigh Wilcox received a certificate for best in school scoring 96 out of 135. An amazing achievement and one of the highest marks we have ever achieved. Luke Berry achieved the highest mark in year 7 scoring 91, placing him 4th in the school. Well done, Ashleigh and Luke.

The 5 pupils who received a Gold certificate were:

Year 8: Ashleigh Wilcox, Thomas Christie-Smith, Jack Rawson and Devina Patel

Year 7: Luke Berry

The 22 pupils who received a Silver certificate were:

Year 8: Charlie Savage, James MacKinder, Tom Marcus, Bethany Swain, Hollie Clark, Jack Roe, Jamie-Lee Lenton, Harry Bland, Luke Bissett, Abbigail Deacon, Hannah White, Joseph Riddle, Lucy Barlow, Katie Reed and Charlotte E Moore.

Year 7: Emily Cosgrove, Connor Higgins, Zain Elahi, Archy Oliver, Hamanpreet Dhillon, Tawanda Mutoti and Ryan Lord.

The 33 pupils who received a Bronze certificate were:

Year 8: James Kumagai, Joshua Harrison, Millie Reed, Joseph Kilby, Gemma Fleming, Matthew Norris, Craig Button, Alice Hewitt, Ben Merrall, Emma Johnson, Simran Dhillon, Thomas Byfield, Amy Booth, Angus Marchmont, Dylan Atkins, Kyle Kotecha, Simran Jassal, Alex Punshon, Ella Bee and Charlotte Faulkner.

Year 7: Imogen Aley, Madeleine Burnham, Samuel Bates, Shaylen Dutt, Ellie-Mai Webster, Scarlett Moore, Kiran Patel, Ciya Tyers, Samuel Graham, Joel Milner, Joseph Bywater, Cole Lee and Charlotte Watts.

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

Mrs C Goddard Maths Curriculum Leader

Visit to Barcelona



The Brockington art visit to Barcelona took place this year from Monday 19 May until Friday 23 May and our party of 50 Year 8 and 9 pupils and five members of staff went by plane from Luton! It was a very busy schedule and we were able to cram in lots of amazing experiences.

First visit was to FC Barcelona Stadium and Museum, Camp Nou and was a highlight for many of us! We then had our picnic lunch at Miramar overlooking the whole city. This was followed by a visit to Parc Guell, the idyllic garden retreat built by architect Antoni Gaudi, before going to see his unfinished masterpiece the Sagrada Familia Cathedral which was a totally awe inspiring and emotional experience with a fantastic guided tour. We were treated to a meal at the Hard Rock Cafe as a special surprise in Barcelona that evening.

On Wednesday morning 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. In the afternoon we visited the '*Pueblo español*' or "Spanish Town" which is an open-air architectural museum, located on the mountain of Montjuïc -a town in which the architecture, style, and culture of various locations from around Spain are preserved in a single place. Later in the afternoon we went to Vilanova Beach, creating sand sculptures and relaxing! On return to the chalet park there was half an hour's swim time followed by dinner at the lovely on site restaurant. After dinner there was a Latin American Dance workshop for all to have a go, with dances from Salsa to the Cha Cha Cha, which proved highly entertaining!

Thursday saw a trip to the fantastic Dali Theatre Museum in Figueres, housing many of the Surrealist artists' 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! Dinner at the restaurant was Paella (a choice of sea food or vegetarian) the traditional Spanish dish which most of the pupils tried. This was followed by a last night disco and lots of amusing dancing including 'the Patrick', for which he was awarded by Spanish Star a giant Chupa Chups lolly!!

Friday morning was spent in the seaside town of Vilanova itself and experiencing the bustle of a traditional Spanish food/fish market. After our picnic lunch we drove into Barcelona to visit Port Vell and walked up Las Ramblas, looking at the market stalls and street performers. This sadly was followed by our last meal and the coach to the airport.

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 was beyond reproach at all times and they were a credit to themselves and Brockington College – an awesome time was had by all. Mrs London



Cooking Inter House at Brockington College

Wednesday 4 June 2014 saw the return of the Inter House Cooking Competition with teams of six representing each house. The link governor for Design and Technology, Mrs Caroline Nash, judged the competition, with a little bit of help from Mrs Nixon.

It was a tough competition to judge and all the teams had made an effort to display their food using the theme 'Summer Holidays'. There was a fantastic array of food from all the teams. The team that won had the best three course meal that worked as a complete menu. The winners were Windsor, followed in joint second by Plantagenet and Stuart with the lovely Tudor and their dangerous umbrella bringing up the rear!

Well done to all the teams, you are excellent and make us very proud.



Mrs F Clarke



Key Stage One Multi Sports Day Friday 13 June 2014

A massive thanks to the sports leaders who helped deliver a multi skills session to 210 Year 1 and 2 pupils from some of our feeder primary schools. They showed great maturity and confidence when delivering their sessions to the young pupils. As a result of their hard work, the day was an incredible success. Miss J Wyeth.

The sports leaders involved were;

Lauren Bracey	Lauren Hart
Caitlin Kellock	Lauren Taylor
Ella Dakin	Eddie Tune
Rianna Buonano	Charlotte Jefferies
Aimee Burton	Joe Alderson
Josh Snowball	Davina Kareer
Josh Marshall	Faizan Elahi
Joel Roberts	Millie Mendez
Kesten Hands	Dan Thomas
Charlie Jones	Katie Dawson
Jasmine Smith	Mitchell Fairhurst
Molly Lee	Joel Tailby



Area Sports 21 May 2014

Brockington finished second in the Area Sports. The annual area sports were held at Saffron Lane athletics stadium on 21 May. There were seven other High schools from the mid-Leicestershire area against us. At Year 7 both the boys and girls teams finished in third place. At Year 8 the boys finished equal seventh and the girls finished equal first with Manor High School. At Year 9 the girls team finished fifth and the boys finished second, just 4 points behind a very strong Bushloe team. Overall, we finished second out of the eight teams.

There were 7 individual winners and their performances are summarised below and 17 Brockington pupils won selection through to the County Sports. Well done to all the pupils who participated in the event.

Year 7 Winners

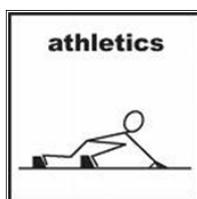
Quinn Johnson High Jump
Tawanda Mutoti Shot Putt

Year 8 Winners

Abby Harriman Hurdles

Year 9 Winners

Mitchell Fairhurst Shot Putt
Eddie Flatters-Tune Javelin
Lewis Gibbens Long Jump
Lauren Taylor Javelin



County Sports 14 June 2014

Brockington secured four top three places at the County Sports. Twelve pupils represented the mid-Leicestershire area at the County Sports that were held at Saffron Lane on Saturday 14 June. The highlight was Eddie Flatters-Tune's win in the junior boys javelin with a throw of 34.98 metres. Dylan Peel took second spot in the high jump with a massive clearance of 1.63 metres and Joel Roberts also from Year 9 finished third in the hurdles. Tawanda Mutoti from Year 7 also made a podium finish with third in the under 13's shot putt.

The results for all the Brockington participants are summarised below:

Junior age group (Year 8 and 9)

1st	Eddie Flatters-Tune	Javelin
2nd	Dylan Peel	High Jump
3rd	Joel Roberts	Hurdles
4th	Lewis Gibbens	Long Jump
3rd (in heat)	Faizan Elahi	200 metres
4th (in heat)	Lewis Wan	100 metres
8th (in heat)	Isobella Fortnam-Tomlinson	200 metres

Under 13 age group (Year 7)

3rd	Tawanda Mutoti	Shot Putt
6th	Quinn Johnson	High Jump
7th	Maddie Burnham	100 metres
11th	Rhea Patel	800 metres
11th	Masie Dukes	1200 metres



Midlands Swimming Age Groups Championships,

Coventry

7th/8th,

14th/15th

June 2014

Two Brockington pupils won medals at Regional level.

Hannah White (8T) and Thomas Christie-Smith (8K) won medals at the Midlands Swimming Championships.

Hannah won gold in the 100 metres breaststroke and a bronze in the 200 metres breaststroke. She narrowly missed her National qualifying time by 0.4 seconds.

Thomas, like Hannah, swims for the Leicester Sharks Swimming Club and the City of Leicester Swimming Club, and claimed a bronze medal in the 200 metres back stroke. He also claimed two National Qualifying times in both the 200 metres back and 400 Individual Medley.

The best performances of the other pupils that took part are summarised below:

Cole Lee
8th back crawl

Molly Lee
7th breaststroke

Sarah White
21st 400 freestyle

Brendan Kelly
24th 100 breaststroke

Tia Vyas
27th 200 freestyle

Congratulations to all the Brockington swimmers who took part in this event.

Living For Sport Mentor Visit

On 18 June we were lucky to have not one, but two Living For Sport athlete mentors visit Brockington College for the day.

Drew Sullivan, Leicester Riders Basketball player and Dermot Gascoyne, former international heavyweight boxer, came to the school to mentor a small group of Year 8 boys. The



students each produced an article after spending time playing a basketball game with their mentors, watching part of a match and interviewing Drew about his life history and achievements so far.

Drew challenged them to consider the six keys to success: mental toughness, hunger to achieve, people skills, life knowledge, breaking barriers and planning for success. The aim of the day was to teach the boys involved what it means to be a success and to try hard to achieve your best. They all worked hard and thoroughly enjoyed the day, whilst producing a report of their experiences. Here are sections from the boys' reports and comments

- In the morning, just after 9.05 am, we changed into our PE kits and entered the Sports Hall. At the time I was nervous meeting two sporting heroes. But when we got into the warm-ups, the nerves died down. I was lucky to get a hand shake with both Dermot and Drew and I felt very privileged.
- Drew talked to us about people skills. You've got to socialise with people but the main thing is listening not just talking, you have two ears one mouth.
- My experience today has been good. With all what was said, it makes me determined to do anything I want to do and to not give up.
- I have learnt that to get your dream you have to work hard rather than just dream. If you want something so bad you will do anything to get it.
- Mr Sullivan has inspired me and not just for basketball but for everything. I think Drew coming in today has really helped me to understand things much more now.
- Today has inspired me to be prepared for anything, try new stuff and be determined to succeed. The highlight of today was watching the game and seeing how good a professional Drew is and a leader playing basketball.
- Today has been cool and exciting. I enjoyed all of the day, especially when we played basketball. Drew Sullivan is inspirational and out of today the 'Six Keys of Life' has inspired me the most and I will keep trying to do all of the keys and I should be successful during my life time.



Sports Day Thursday 19 June 2014

It was a lovely sunny day for this year's Sports Day. Plantagenet house were the winners again, for the second consecutive year, winning by a handsome margin of 181 points. Stuart came through strongly to pip Tudor for 2nd and Windsor finished 4th.

School records were broken by Aaron Girn (100 m), Maddie Burnham (100 m), Charlotte S Moore (100 m), Lauren Taylor (100 m), Faizan Elahi (200 m), Dylan Parrish (300 m), Charlotte Waterfield (300 m). Also there were records for Stuart girls in the Year 7 relay and Plantagenet boys in the Year 9 relay.

Full team results and Victor/Victrix Ludorum winners are detailed below:

Overall Team Results

1. Plantagenet	1514 points	2. Stuart	1343 points
3. Tudor	1304 points	4. Windsor	1286 points

Victor-Victrix Ludorum 2014

Top 3 Individuals

Victrix Ludorum

Victor Ludorum

Year 7 Girls

1st Maddie Burnham 35 points

Year 7 Boys

1st Oliver Hart 34 points

Year 8 Girls

1st Charlotte S Moore 36 points

Year 8 Boys

1st Jamal Brown 36 points

Year 9 Girls

1st Lauren Taylor 35 points

Year 9 Boys

1st Faizan Elahi 36 points

CHARITY COMMITTEE NEWS

Over the last month, the Charity Committee has organised events to raise money for the

Neo-Natal Unit at the Leicester Royal Infirmary. The Unit has assisted and supported the families of both staff and pupils at the college and is something very close to the hearts of our community.

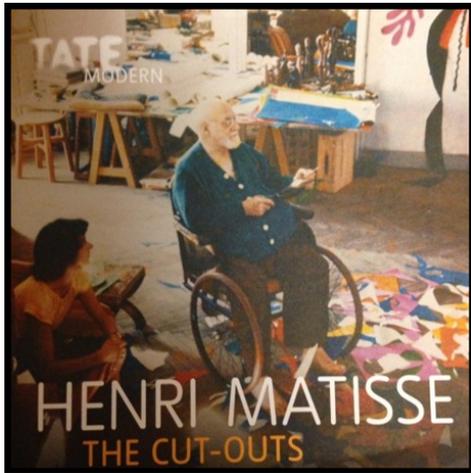


Events held included a non-uniform day and a cookie, doughnut and cake sale.

Total made so far: A fantastic £800.00 (approx)

Thank you for the overwhelming help and support from the Brockington College community.

Mrs McKenzie



Year 7 Art Trip

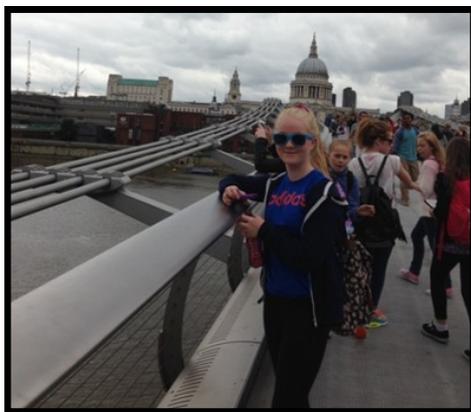
On Monday 16 June, 40 Year 7 pupils travelled to London for the day. It was an early start with us leaving school at 6.30 am, but once everyone had rubbed the sleep from their eyes we were well on our way. Our destination for the day was the centre of the capital.

We split into two groups and whilst one half took in the delights of the Tate Modern and Matisse's Cut Outs exhibition, the other half strode across the Millennium Bridge to the iconic St Paul's Cathedral. Along the way we

witnessed an artist in action

turning old chewing gum that had been trodden into the floor, into tiny colourful pictures. Once at St Paul's we were given a guided tour focused on the Art and Design housed within. We even had a chance to stretch our legs and climb to the dome and galleries. The weather was kind to us and we were able to meet up as a larger group and enjoy a picnic in the grounds of St Paul's.

Then in the afternoon it was all change, those who visited the Cathedral went to the Tate and those who were at the Tate visited St Paul's. After a tiring but interesting day, we boarded the coach and headed home just in time for tea! Mrs G Wilson



Poetry Competition

Earlier in the year Brockington pupils were invited to enter a poetry competition set up by 'Hope' a local charity for cancer research.

Lucy Vann (7C) wrote the wonderful poem below and won a prize for her age group (Years 7 – 9). The charity received 861 entries so this is a great indication as to just how well Lucy has done. An excellent achievement! Well done.



After The Storm

*As the sun rose high above the trees, with it my hopes came in the breeze.
For the storm had subsided,
And the ground had dried.
The earth's thirst had been quenched and the land thoroughly drenched!
The roots and the leaves had been fed from above,
Making crops grow with lots of love.
Potatoes, cabbage, peas and broad beans,
Will soon be in our cooking pot ready for a feast.
We thank the great storm in all its wet and windy glory
And eagerly await the next storm and its unique story.*



By Lucy Vann (7C)



Performing Arts



Summer Musical 24th and 25th June



This year's summer show was Annie and I was very glad to be part of it! It does require giving up lots of your time for rehearsals but it's all worth it and I loved being in it! One of the best things about being in Annie is that you get a chance to make new friends and work together. When it comes to the show nights, yes, you do get nervous but once you are on stage and are performing your best you just enjoy it! The show takes a few months to put all together, what with getting the acting, singing, costumes, props and set designs ready! After the show, you feel so proud of not



only yourself but everyone else too! The feedback from audience members was that it was an amazing show and one of the best productions at Brockington. I just want to thank all the actors and backstage crew and also all the teachers that have had ANY part to do with the production!



Rebecca Willis (Annie) 8L

Year 8 Sing Off!

During registration on Friday 23 May we held our first House singing competition with Year 8. Each house had been given a different song to perform, which they rehearsed during their music lessons. All their songs went really well and staff present then voted for their favourite performance. The winners were Windsor with a resounding performance of *Don't Stop Believing*. The competition was such a success we are following it with a Year 7 Sing Off on Thursday 3 July.

Eric Whitacre Virtual Choir

Eric Whitacre is a Grammy-winning American composer and conductor, known for his choral, orchestral and wind ensemble music. He is also known for his "Virtual Choir" projects, bringing individual voices from around the globe together into an online choir that he puts together every year. He started his virtual choir in 2009 when he was inspired by a girl called Britlin Losee from America who sent a video to him of her singing one of his songs.

The virtual choir is a good way to sing without being nervous about people watching because you can show people your video or you can keep it private to yourself. The virtual choir is an easy way to show off your singing skills without the nerves. Just pick up a set of headphones, get your web cam on and start recording. It is all free so you can sign in and have a look. Link to Eric Whitacre's website: <https://virtualyouthchoir.com/> 2292 people and 80 countries were involved.

Harvey Fretwell(7L)

Leicester Outdoor Pursuits Centre Reward Trip



Earlier this half term, ten lucky students were selected at random from a list of our highest achievers and 100% attendance to attend a reward trip to the Outdoor Pursuits Centre in Leicester. It was a lovely sunny day and great fun was had by all, particularly the impromptu water fight that broke out. The students

got to sample sessions on the high ropes assault course, the zip wire and rifle shooting.

This type of reward will run biannually with the Autumn term seeing a visit to Warwick Castle.

In order to qualify for the trip, students need to maintain 100% attendance and receive the highest A2L grades across all subjects. Miss Heggs



Kenya



You may or may not have picked up on the fact that the scheduled trip to Kenya in July has had to be changed. This is due to the fact that the government has changed their travel advice to the region that we usually visit. They are now advising against all but essential travel to that area. Some travel companies made emergency evacuations from Kenya and have cancelled all flights until October at the earliest. There have been a number of terrorist attacks/violent incidents over the past few weeks and some as recently as this week. The situation is escalating and there is a very real threat in that area. Due to this, we had to make the very difficult decision that the trip could no longer run.

We made the very tough decision to look at alternative arrangements to enable our students who had worked so hard for 18 months to still visit Africa and get the experience they had signed up for. Fortunately, after lots of discussion with the travel companies and looking at our options, we have been able to relocate the trip to Johannesburg. We have tried to keep the trip as close to the original as possible. We do have a school that we will be working with who are in desperate need of support – they do not even have electricity and at times have no water available. Despite the relocation of the trip, we will still continue to support the schools in Kenya. Money raised will still be sent over to complete the building work that we were hoping to complete on our visit. In fact, the group are stepping up their fundraising over the next few weeks to enable both schools in both countries to get a fair deal from us.

With only a few days to go now until the trip departs, we are busy making our last minute plans and arrangements. The excitement is building, and the group is busy packing donated clothes and toys ready to take out with us. The trip departs on Friday 11 July and returns on Monday 28 July 2014. Whilst we are away please also make sure you follow our blog. We will post blog comments and pictures every day, and it is a highlight of our evenings to read messages of support from home. You can find it at www.kash4kenya.com Miss Heggs

BROCKINGTON COMMUNITY



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



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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

HOLIDAY DATES FOR 2015-2016

Autumn Term 2015

School opens: 27 August 2015
Mid-term break: 19 to 23 October 2015
School closes: 18 December 2015

Spring Term 2016

School opens: 5 January 2016
Mid-term break: 15 to 19 February 2016
School closes: 24 March 2016

Summer Term 2016

School opens: 11 April 2016
May Day: 2 May 2016
Mid-term break: 30 May to 3 June 2016
School closes: 15 July 2016

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Election of a Parent Governor

We currently have a vacancy on our governing body for a parent governor. Following a request from the college to all parents/carers, six parents/carers have been nominated for election.

On the opposite page, you will find a double-sided ballot paper for completion and return.

- Each parent/carers is entitled to vote
- Read the personal statements written by each of the candidates
- Vote for one candidate by placing an **X** in the second column against the name of the candidate you wish to vote for
- Detach the ballot paper from the bulletin
- Place the ballot paper in a sealed envelope marked 'Ballot Paper'
- Return the envelope to the ballot box in the college office (in person, by your child or in the post)
- Deadline for ballot paper returns: **Friday 11 July 2014 at 9.00 am**

This is an extremely important process given the essential role that the governing body plays in the leadership of the college and given our move to 11-16 status. Consequently, I hope you will be encouraged to vote.

Mr Chris Southall
Principal

Election of Parent Governors - Ballot Paper

Please vote for **ONE** of the six candidates listed below and overleaf. Place an **X** in the 'vote' column against the name of the person you wish to vote for. You should not put any other mark on the ballot paper.

CANDIDATES' PERSONAL STATEMENTS	VOTE
<p><u>SARAH LEACH:</u></p> <p>I have a son in Year 8 at Brockington, one in year 5 and one in year 3 at other schools, so I hope to have a long association with Brockington College. I am very interested in becoming a member of the Governing Body of Brockington College as it moves into 11-16 status, a new and exciting challenge. Living in Stoney Stanton, I am therefore out of catchment, which makes me aware of transport issues and offers a different perspective to the Governing Body.</p> <p>I have been a Project Manager for 17 years, currently for GE in Naval Ships, so can offer organisational and planning skills to the Governing Body. As a working parent I understand the difficulties of work life balance, and trying to get the best education for our children.</p> <p>Being a Beaver Scout leader for the last 6 years, has been both fun and challenging, but I am now looking for a new role in the community. I am a keen gym member and dog walker. My best achievement was a tandem skydive in 2011 which was a once in a lifetime experience.</p>	
<p><u>KERRY MACKINDER:</u></p> <p>I have two children, one currently in Year 8 at Brockington College and the younger about to join the school in August. During the last 2 years, I have witnessed the outstanding environment this school provides for our children in many ways. My child's obvious enthusiasm for attending school and how the school itself encourages the learning and development of our children, whilst providing a safe, caring environment has been wonderful to observe.</p> <p>In my current role as an IT Project Manager I am acutely aware that that in working together to achieve a common goal, creating a culture of teamwork, most things are possible. I have also worked extensively within the Health & Social Care and Education Environments, including lecturing in Safeguarding of Children and the importance of Equality and Diversity to professionals in these sector areas.</p> <p>It would therefore be my privilege to help support the school, staff and governors by bringing my knowledge, experience and professional skills to the Governing Body in any way I can. I am well aware of the importance of effective governance and am prepared to make a sincere commitment of both my time and experience on behalf of Brockington College.</p>	
<p><u>UMESH PATEL:</u></p> <p>I actively supported events, especially the Parents' Forum during my elder son's time at Brockington College and looked forward to continuing this involvement when my younger child joined this year. I would now like the opportunity to expand on this connection with the college by representing parents on the Governing Body.</p> <p>My employment background covers nearly twenty years in IT, during which I have been a partner in a private consultancy, as well as an employee in Local Government. In recent years I have had responsibility for supervising the Council's IT Service Desk and delivering various projects that have introduced new technologies and ways of working.</p> <p>I consider Brockington to be an evolving establishment that continually strives to improve. This is demonstrated by the accomplishment of becoming an academy and further aiming to become an 11-16 college. My personal opinion is that there will be challenges to overcome and the views of parents must be effectively represented, not only during this transition but in all the Governing Body's areas of responsibility. I feel I have the commitment and experience to make a positive contribution to the Governing Body and in turn the continued success of the college.</p>	

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CANDIDATES' PERSONAL STATEMENTS	VOTE
<p><u>LISA PUTNAM:</u></p> <p>My name is Lisa Putnam, I'm married and our son has almost completed his first academic year at Brockington.</p> <p>What I could bring to the role is relevant knowledge, experience and professional skills gained from my role as Project Officer at the National Youth Agency. I have strong project and financial management skills, the ability to contribute to strategic development and a good understanding of the issues and policies affecting children and young people.</p> <p>I am a well organised person with a strong drive to getting things done. Working part time I am able to find the time and commitment needed to take on the role of Parent Governor.</p> <p>I would work enthusiastically to assist the school to build on its strengths, offering all our children a productive, challenging and happy time. I would relish the opportunity to help shape and develop Brockington at this exciting and challenging time.</p>	
<p><u>DAVE RILEY:</u></p> <p>I have one daughter who is currently in Year 8 at Brockington College. I have been a widowed, single father since 2002, basically having raised my daughter as a single parent since she was two years old. I have lived in Narborough since 1996 and I work locally in Engineering Manufacturing as an In-house Service Technician.</p> <p>This role interests me as I am interested in undertaking some voluntary work having done so in the past. I feel I could bring a single parent's perspective to the role and all the issues that can involve. I have some experience of Christian ethics and worship as my late wife was a practising Christian who attended a local church. I feel that this may be of use given that the college is C of E supported.</p> <p>My job requires good organisational and interpersonal skills, in dealing with internal and external customers. I feel that these attributes may be of use in the function. Although not having had direct professional experience of education, I have studied to degree level and have personally known several people in the educational professions and so have some knowledge of the field.</p>	
<p><u>PAULA WESTON:</u></p> <p>My name is Paula Weston, I am married and a mother of two children. Both of my children currently attend Brockington College and are very happy here and I would like to ensure all children continue to have a great school experience.</p> <p>I am currently employed as a public health nurse for children and young people which involves working closely with schools. I have developed a good understanding of young people's needs and recognise for young people to reach their full potential in education, they must have a sense of belonging and good emotional health.</p> <p>I believe that every child should be given the best opportunities to reach their full potential in a safe and positive environment. Therefore, focusing on the pupil's individual learning needs whilst stretching their abilities and also acknowledging that each child has many individual qualities valuable to both school and the community.</p> <p>As a good communicator, I relate easily to people. This is very important so people can feel their voices are being heard at the governors meetings. If parents, pupils and school work together in partnership, we can ensure that standards and commitments remain high, enabling school to go from a good to outstanding status.</p>	

Please return completed ballot papers to the college office in a sealed envelope marked 'Ballot Paper' by 9.00 am on Friday 11 July 2014.