

BROCKINGTON COLLEGE

LEARNING TO LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL

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Principal's Introduction

I am delighted to introduce the first Brockington College newsletter of the new academic year. Welcome back to all parents/carers of Year 8 and Year 9 pupils and a very warm welcome to our new parents/carers of Year 7 pupils. The newsletter is one of a series of ways that we use to communicate to parents/carers in order to work together to provide the best educational and life-enhancing experiences for our children. As you will be aware, we are aiming to ensure that pupils 'learn to live life to the full' and we know that we cannot achieve this without your support.

It has been a busy, but very rewarding start to the new academic year and I am absolutely delighted with the way that the Year 7 pupils have settled in so quickly and so well. I would like to publicly thank the primary schools who, in partnership with Brockington College, have guaranteed that the transition process has been so successful. Equally, I do not underestimate your contribution as parents/carers in ensuring that your children have high standards in all aspects of school life. Thank you so much for giving us your full support, it makes a significant impact on the success that your child will enjoy at school. Particular thanks for supporting our college uniform policy by ensuring that pupils are dressed correctly for college. They look tremendously smart and this has an effect upon their personal standards within the classroom.



As I mentioned earlier (and you will hear on a number of other occasions!), we want our pupils to 'learn to live life to the full'. This is not just a phrase, but a daily challenge for all pupils at the college. We demand high academic standards from the pupils, which will help them to fulfil their dreams and ambitions, but we also want every child to make the most of all that we offer at the college. You can view the Enrichment Programme for this term on the website, which details the countless opportunities for pupils to participate in a number of extra-curricular sports, music, art, drama, academic, spiritual or other interests. We believe strongly in developing 'rounded' pupils that have a wide range of interests and the ability to relate to and respect others. Our enrichment programme will help pupils develop these essential elements and we would encourage you to encourage your son/daughter to join in.

In respect of academic achievements, our previous Year 9 pupils gained our best ever teacher assessment levels. Attainment was exceptionally high and progress from the end of Year 6 to the end of Year 9 places Brockington in the top 10% of schools nationally for many subjects at both Level 5 and at Level 6. We are really proud of these achievements, but we have set even higher expectations for our current pupils both at Key Stage 3 and also now at GCSE level. I can assure you that we will constantly do our best to continue to drive standards even higher.



We were delighted with the support we received from Year 9 pupils and parents at the recent 'Options Evening'. Over 750 visitors were able to discuss potential option choices with members of staff, view resources that will be utilized and listen to a briefing by the Vice Principal, Clare Darby, and I about our Key Stage 4 curriculum and how to make the most appropriate choices. It was clear from the evening that our current Year 9 pupils are eagerly looking forward to the challenge of GCSE study, just as the members of staff at the college are eagerly anticipating teaching and supporting what will be our first GCSE cohort next academic year. We have been preparing for 4 years for this moment and throughout this current year, subjects will commence their Key Stage 4 courses, as our Religious Studies Department have already done.

As a college, we have several targets this year that will enable us to give our pupils the best life opportunities. Teaching and learning remains our highest priority at the college, as it has a major impact upon your child's education. We are in touching distance of a very high aspiration of 100% of our teachers providing consistently good or outstanding lessons and this is our target in the current year. A further target is to provide the support to all pupils that will enable them to reach their optimum level of performance. This will be done primarily through high quality teaching, but where necessary we will utilise a range of support packages. Finally, we will continue to prepare for an increased number of pupils at the college with the onset of GCSE teaching. As Year 9 pupils and parents will be aware, our Key Stage 4 curriculum is in place subject departments have made decisions around appropriate courses. Additionally, we are working alongside a project management company to provide the extra physical space that we require and will recruit further members of staff to join our outstanding team from this term onwards. It is not just the pupils that 'learn to live life to the full'!

Finally, I hope that you will be able to join us at the college for our first Parents' Forum meeting of the current year. All parents are welcome to join a group that makes an active contribution to the school's policies and direction. The first meeting is on Tuesday 30 September, when you will have the opportunity to meet our senior and extended leadership team members, learn about their roles and to discuss our latest 11-16 plans. The meeting starts at 7.00 pm and will finish at 8.00 pm.

Mr Chris Southall, Principal

BROCKINGTON MATTERS

Holidays During Term Time

As you will be aware from information circulated by Brockington College and all catchment primary schools, the Government has removed the discretion for Headteachers to grant absence for pupils to take a holiday during term time.

The only exception to this is for a reason considered to be 'exceptional' by the Headteacher. Having taken advice on this matter, Brockington College will consider the following as exceptional circumstances:-

- a holiday for a terminally ill child or sibling
- a family holiday with a terminally ill parent/carer
- a family holiday following the recent death of a parent/carer

Other exceptional circumstances will be considered on an individual basis but will **not** include:-

- financial reasons for taking a holiday in term time
- visits to family and friends living abroad
- holidays in term time due to the work commitments of parents/carers in school holiday periods
- holiday taken as part of a family wedding

The process for requesting leave during term time for a family holiday is to write directly to the Principal at least four weeks prior to the holiday, stating the exceptional circumstance. The Principal will consider the circumstances and write back to parents/carers with the outcome of his decision.

If the reason is not felt to be an exceptional circumstance, or holiday has been taken without notification, then the written response to parents/carers will indicate that the absence will be unauthorised, if the holiday is taken. Parents/carers are also at risk of being issued with a Penalty Notice as per Leicestershire County Council Code of Conduct. (Although we are an Academy, Leicestershire County Council retain responsibility for pupil attendance at school). As a result of the change to Government legislation, the updated Code of Conduct states that the County Council are very likely to issue a Penalty Notice for 5 days or more of unauthorised absence due to a family holiday. In this case a Penalty Notice of £60.00 is issued to each parent/carer for each child and must be paid within 21 days or will increase to £120.00. A further period of 7 days is then allowed for payment prior to prosecution. Please be aware that these new regulations are as a result of the changes in Government legislation and are being implemented nationally.

HOLIDAY DATES FOR 2014-2015

Autumn Term 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: 1 September 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: 23 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

Please note that these term dates have been agreed and will be the same as all primary schools in our catchment area



Brockington College

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Church of England Academy

We look forward to welcoming you to Brockington College at the following times:

Year 6 Open Mornings 2014

Monday 22 September 9.15 am to 10.30 am

Tuesday 23 September 9.15 am to 10.30 am

Wednesday 24 September 9.15 am to 10.30 am

Year 4 - Year 6 Open Evening 2014

Wednesday 24 September 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm

All prospective pupils, parents and carers are welcome

"Brilliant school! Fantastic building. Dedicated, caring staff. Best decision we made; only wish he could stay on!"
(Parent - 2014)

"Brockington has a distinctive, positive ethos. It is based on tolerance and respect, high aspirations and a belief that all pupils can succeed."
(Ofsted - 2014)

"Amazing school! So glad I chose this as my college! I have achieved so much."
(Pupil 2014)

Brockington College
Outstanding Church of England Academy
11-16 from September 2015
Award winning building

Blaby Road, Enderby, Leicester LE19 4AQ
Telephone: 0116 286 3722
E-mail: admin@brockington.leics.sch.uk
Website: www.brockington.leics.sch.uk
Principal: Mr Chris Southall, BA (Hons)

Dates for your Diary

Year 7 Consultation Evening (Form Tutors Only)

Wednesday 8 October 2014

Year 9 Consultation Evenings

Band 1: Monday 12 January 2015

Band 2: Wednesday 14 January 2015

Year 8 Consultation Evenings

Band 2: Monday 20 April 2015

Band 1: Wednesday 22 April 2015

Year 7 Consultation Evenings

Band 1: Monday 11 May 2015

Band 2: Wednesday 13 May 2015

Parents' Forum Meeting

The first Parents' Forum Meeting of this academic year will take place on:-

Tuesday 30 September 2014

7.00 pm - 8.00 pm

All parents and carers are invited to meet the senior and extended leadership teams at the college, to hear what their roles are and to hear the latest 11-16 plans. Parents/carers will be able to add their views.

Refreshments will be provided.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Brockington College Year 9 Option Forms

Year 9 parents/carers please remember to return Option Forms to Brockington College by

Monday 27 October 2014

Thank you

Following elections at the end of the last academic year, Mr Umesh Patel was appointed by parents/carers as a parent governor. The full governing body is now as follows:-

Foundation Governors

Mr R Andrews
Mrs J Blackwell
Mrs J Briars
Mr M Brown (Vice Chair)
Dr R Heames
Mr M McAllister
Mrs C Nash
Dr K Saadat
Mrs K Slipp
Mrs F Speake
Mr G Spencer (Chair)
Rev J Taylor
Mr M Walton

Parent Governors

Mrs H Gleave
Mrs P Graham
Mr P Johnson
Mr U Patel

Staff Governors

Mr C Southall (Principal)
Mrs Y Doores
Miss E Nolan

Co-Opted Governors

Mr R Dunnett
Mr P Winkless

Local Authority Governor

Mr J Swinfield-Wells

Clerk to the Governors

Mrs L Nixon

Home to School Transport Policy Revision for September 2015 Intake

As you may be aware, the Local Authority, following consultation, has made changes to the home to school transport policy from September 2015. It is important that all parents/carers check the implications for their children and do not assume that there will be no changes. Essentially, pupils will receive free transport to the nearest secondary school with places available, if they live over 3 miles from this school.

Please note that currently, free transport is available to the catchment school if it is over 3 miles away and so this will no longer be the case from September 2015. All details relating to the new policy are all available to parents/carers through the Leicestershire County Council Education website, which can be accessed through the following link:

http://www.leics.gov.uk/index/highways/passenger_transport/school_college_transport.htm

We would encourage you to read this information and to contact the Local Authority for clarification, if you are unsure how this new policy will affect your child.

SEN IS CHANGING

Provision for Pupils with Special Needs and Disabilities

The government has recently made significant changes to special needs with an increased emphasis on joint working and better outcomes for young people. Information about the impact of the changes is available on the college website.

The college will continue to adopt a graduated response in our working with pupils with special educational needs and disabilities. We pride ourselves on the quality of our curriculum which is adapted to meet pupil needs in the classroom. In addition, the college runs a wide range of intervention and enrichment programmes to support our learners, reduce barriers to learning and to prepare them for GCSEs.

If you have any concerns regarding special needs or disabilities please contact the Assistant Principal for Inclusion, Mrs Lawrence, email: sll@brockington.leics.sch.uk

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:

4 issues with other pupils	Dealt with by Pastoral Manager/Head of Year
1 issue of concern for other pupil	Dealt with by Pastoral Manager/Head of Year

Parent Pay Frequently Asked Questions



ParentPay®

Why can't I see what my child has bought in the canteen?

Answer

Currently you are not able to view meal information for your child. The school canteen's till system is not compatible and does not have this facility. The school is currently investigating options to update the system.

Do I need to pay for all the items due for payment?

Answer

No, please only pay for the items relevant for your child.

How do I check my trip payments?

Answer

1. Log in to Parent Pay
2. Select Transaction History tab
3. Select child (if more than one)
4. Select Payment item – Name of trip
5. Change dates to cover period of payments
6. Search
7. Summary of payments is provided, including total paid

Brockington Health Matters

INHALERS



Emergency Medication



EPIPENS

We have a number of pupils in school that carry

'Emergency Medicines'

CONSENT FORMS

Can we please ask that:

- (a) Your child carries these with them at ALL times
- (b) That expiry dates are checked
- (c) That the medicine is labelled with your child's name on it
- (d) That you consider providing a 'spare one' to be kept in the First Aid Room
- (e) Inhalers accompany your child with them to PE lessons
(a small labelled container to keep the inhaler in will help to prevent loss of the item).
- (f) That your child takes them on school trips

Epipen users **MUST** have a signed Emergency Action Plan (EAP) from the prescribing GP or Consultant

ALL other medicine users, including those with an inhaler, must have a medicines consent form, signed by the parent/carer.

A medicines consent form is available on the Brockington website and from Reception. For Epipen users, please request a specific form, if your GP is unable to do this.

If you would like further information or are unsure of procedures to follow, please do not hesitate to ask:
Mrs Williamson - Health Co-ordinator (extension 109)

MEDICAL MATTERS

HOW DO I REPORT MY CHILD'S ILLNESS?

If your child is too ill to attend college, please notify the college on the first day of absence. Please provide the pupil's name, form, date and reason for absence, by one of the following methods:-

- Telephone as early as possible on 0116 2863722 and follow instructions to leave a voice mail message on the dedicated absence line
- Email the school on studentabsence@brockington.leics.sch.uk
- Text reason for absence to 0116 3260247

The college employs a text messaging system and you will be contacted by 10.00 am if your child does not attend and the college has not been notified. This initial contact should be followed by a note in your child's planner or a separate letter on the day he/she returns to verify the number of days of absence.

HOMWORK TIMETABLES

The homework timetables for 2014-15 can be seen below, but they are also available on the college website.

Year 7 – Band 1

Homework Timetable - Year 7 (2014-2015)					
Band 1:					
Each homework should last approximately 25 minutes					
7B	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Maths* Drama	Art or ICT DT	English* RS History Music	PSHCE** Geography	Science* MFL
7R	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Maths* History	Art or ICT DT	English* RS Drama	PSHCE** Music	Science* Geography MFL
7O	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Maths* Geography Music	DT	English* MFL RS	PSHCE** Drama	Science* Art or ICT History
7C	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Maths* DT	Drama Geography Music	English* MFL History	PSHCE** RS	Science* Art or ICT
7T	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Maths* DT	History RE Music	English* History MFL	PSHCE** RS	Science* Art or ICT
NB:					
1. ** - Core Subjects set just one homework a week but ensure there is enough for approximately 50mins					
2. Drama homework is set as and when appropriate and is usually a half term project					
3. Music homework is set as and when appropriate and is usually a half term project					
4. * - PSHCE does not normally set homework, however it will be set if applicable					
5. Literacy homework will be set once a half term					

Year 7 – Band 2

Band Two:					
Each homework should last approximately 25 minutes					
7K	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Maths* RS Music	DT Drama	English* MFL History	PSHCE** Art or ICT Geography	Science*
7I	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Maths*	DT Art or ICT RS Music	English* MFL Drama	PSHCE** History	Science* Geography
7N	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Maths* Geography	History Art or ICT Music	English* DT	PSHCE** MFL RS	Science* Drama
7G	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Maths* Geography	Art or ICT RS Drama	English* DT	PSHCE** MFL History	Science* Music
7L	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Maths*	Art or ICT RS History Drama Music	English* DT	PSHCE** MFL	Science* Geography
NB:					
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3. Music homework is set as and when appropriate and is usually a half term project					
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5. Literacy homework will be set once a half term					

Year 8 – Band 1

Homework Timetable - Year 8 (2014-2015)

Band 1:

Each homework is designed to last approximately 35 minutes

8B	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	DT History	English* Art	Geography ICT Music	PSHCE** Maths* Drama	Science* MFL RS
8R	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	DT Music	English* ICT	Art Drama RS	PSHCE** Maths* History	Science* Geography MFL
8O	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	DT ICT	English* Music	Drama Geography RS	PSHCE** Maths* Art	Science* History MFL
8C	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Art RS	English* MFL	Drama Geography ICT	PSHCE** Maths* DT	Science* History Music
8T	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	ICT RS	English* MFL	Art History Music	PSHCE** Maths* Geography DT	Science* Drama

NB:

1. ** - Core Subjects set just one homework a week but ensure there is enough for approximately 1hr and 10mins
2. Drama homework is set as and when appropriate and is usually a half term project
3. Music homework is set as and when appropriate and is usually a half term project
4. * - PSHCE does not normally set homework, however it will be set if applicable
5. Literacy homework will be set once a half term

Year 8 – Band 2

Band Two:

Each homework is designed to last approximately 35 minutes

8K	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	DT Drama	English* Art MFL RS	History Music	PSHCE** Maths* ICT	Science* Geography
8I	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	DT	English* Drama MFL RS	Music	PSHCE** Maths* Art History	Science* Geography ICT
8N	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Drama Music	English* Art Geography	DT MFL	PSHCE** Maths* ICT	Science* History RS
8G	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	ICT	English* History RS	DT MFL	PSHCE** Maths* Art Geography	Science* Drama Music
8L	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	RS	English* Art Geography	DT MFL	PSHCE** Maths* History Music	Science* Drama ICT

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5. Literacy homework will be set once a half term

Year 9 – Band 1

Homework Timetable - Year 9 (2014-2015)

Band 1:

Each homework is designed to last approximately 45 minutes

9B	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	ICT	Science* Geography	English* Art History	PSHCE** Drama or Music DT RS^	Maths* MFL
9R	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	ICT	Science* Art	English* RS^ Geography	PSHCE** Drama or Music DT History	Maths* MFL
9O	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Art Drama or Music	Science* ICT	English* RS	PSHCE** DT History	Maths* Geography MFL
9C	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Drama or Music	Science* ICT MFL	English* RS^	PSHCE** DT Geography	Maths* Art History
9T	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Drama or Music ICT	Science* MFL	English*	PSHCE** RS^ DT Geography	Maths* Art History

NB:

1. ^ - RE is GCSE course running over three years. Generally over a two year course a single award subject would receive 1 hour per week as per DfE expectations. However, in order to adapt to the three year course, homework will be set for 1 hour per fortnight with the option of setting it weekly if required
2. ** - Core Subjects set just one homework a week but ensure there is enough for approximately 1 ½ hours
3. Drama homework is set as and when appropriate and is usually a half term project
4. Music homework is set as and when appropriate and is usually a half term project
5. * - PSHCE does not normally set homework, however it will be set if applicable
6. Literacy homework will be set once a half term

Year 9 – Band 2

Band Two:

Each homework is designed to last approximately 45 minutes

9K	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Drama or Music	Science* MFL	English* Art DT	PSHCE** RS^ Geography	Maths* History ICT
9I	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Art	Science* History MFL	English* DT	PSHCE** RS^ ICT	Maths* Drama or Music Geography
9N	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	ICT	Science* Geography History	English* RS^ MFL	PSHCE** Art	Maths* Drama or Music DT
9G	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	ICT	Science* RS^ Art Geography	English* MFL	PSHCE** Drama or Music	Maths* DT History
9L	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	ICT	Science* RS^ Geography	English* History MFL	PSHCE** Drama or Music	Maths* DT Art

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Brockington College has seven key values that are the cornerstones for everything we do in school, especially our core purpose of teaching and learning.

Our values are:

- **Compassion:** Compassion is about putting yourself in someone else's shoes and experiencing what they experience. This leads to a desire to act to do something. Compassion requires an act of imagination and humility to share in the lives of others.
- **Forgiveness:** Forgiveness is fundamental in a Christian School. It is about having forgiveness at the heart of everything we do and it is our aim to keep on forgiving without limit.
- **Justice:** Justice is multi-faceted. It is about giving all people what is right and fair for them to have, such as freedom and dignity. It is about acting out of a concern for what is right and therefore holding people to account.
- **Koinonia:** Can often be translated as 'fellowship' or 'partnership'. Koinonia expresses the quality of the relationships within a Christian community which are like those of a family. Everyone is needed and valued in our school community.
- **Perseverance:** Perseverance is linked to patience and suffering. Perseverance is about developing and building your character by dealing with a range of situations positively. It is linked to self-control and a recognition that life is sometimes difficult and painful and it is important not to give up.
- **Wisdom:** Wisdom is insight into the way life works – a proper understanding of the consequences of our thoughts words and actions. Wisdom is discernment gained through life experience.
- **Learning:** Learning is at the centre of our school motto and encompasses all of the values above. It is about being taught, being able to discover and understand. By modelling, teaching and discussing each of the values above, we are enabling ourselves and our pupils to achieve our motto of '*learning to live life to the full*'

Brockington College Christian Lunch Club

Wednesday's lunchtime group, led by Enderby Parish Church, continues to be diverse and amazing, with support by Charlotte from Whetstone Baptist Church and members of the school teaching staff. We have had a great number of pupils attend the first two weeks of CLC since returning from the summer holidays, with new members also adding to our group. We continue to support new Year 7 pupils in their transition to Brockington and welcome any pupils who would like to attend. The lunch club involves time to eat our lunch together, play games and learn about Christian beliefs in an informal manner. All pupils welcome!



Our first GCSE course has begun! Religious Studies is being taken by all Year 9 pupils at Brockington and we have had an excellent start. The unit of study this term is Religion and Early Life. All pupils have completed their first GCSE homework activity, for which they have received a GCSE grading A*-G through peer and teacher assessment. Pupils have also been given a key words information sheet and a further homework activity. Homework will be set every other lesson to allow time for reflection and assessment.

Further information including GCSE course units, past papers, lesson links and much more are available on moodle titled 'GCSE RS'.

The RS staff are passionate and excited about the three years ahead. If you require any further information, or have any questions, please email the RS Curriculum Team Leader, Mrs McKenzie at: amc@brockington.leics.sch.uk



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.



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



Performing Arts



Brockington College
Performing Arts presents...



Thursday 9th October, 6.30-7.30pm.
Tickets £3

Bring a picnic tea and
come and see some of
our talented student
musicians perform.



Well done!

Congratulations to all those who took and passed music exams before we finished for the summer. You all showed dedication in working towards your exams and your hard work showed in your results!

Year 9 Drama Club

Every Tuesday in the
Drama Studio from
3.10 pm – 4.10 pm.

Open to any year 9 pupils
interested in developing
their performance skills.

See Miss Nolan for more
information.

Orchestra

Every Tuesday in Room 022 from
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm. Open to all musicians.

See Miss Styles or Miss Pilgrim for more information



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. If you are interested in booking lessons for your child, then please contact the teacher of the instrument you are interested in as listed on page 14. 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

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	patrickjwhitemusic-teacher@hotmail.co.uk
Violin, Viola	Ms Sally Smith	sasviolinviola@hotmail.co.uk
Ukulele	Mr Mark Ferraby	mark@litteredtruck.co.uk 07901 560 215

Performing Arts Extra-Curricular Activities

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Break	Practice rooms available for all musicians wishing to practice.				
Lunch	Vocal group - 024		Harvest festival rehearsals 022 and 024		
After school	Department closed	Brockington Orchestra Year 9 Drama club	Music theory club 024	Practice rooms available for all musicians to use.	

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

Aprons Food Technology

Aprons are college uniform and must be brought to all practical food lessons. Pupils who forget may be given a spare apron and this will need to be washed at home and returned the next day.



Department detentions will be given to those students who do not bring kit to lessons.

Sports Leaders



The following pupils have received their Sports Leader training.

They will be involved in a number of sports events, in support of primary school sport, over the next year.

Corrine Bownes	9I
Aimee Dawson	9I
Abby Harriman	9B
Macey Harris	9G
Shayleigh Holt	9G
Samantha Parsons	9O
Maisie Wallbank	9L
Tia Vyas	9G
Emma Johnson	9G
Lucy Smith	9G
Lauren Hubbard	9O
Tia Elliott	9N
Beth Blanksby	9I
Alice Hewitt	9L
Lauren Stewart	9B
Grace Walton	9B
Charlotte S Moore	9R
Ashleigh Wilcox	9I
Olivia Brown	9B
Ella Bee	9B
Beth Swain	9B
Cerys Goodson	9I
Lauren Wright	9I
Guillaume Preston	9K
Joe Smalley	9K
George Marvell	9K
Rafe Walton	9K
Joe Fenwick	9O
Jack Durrance	9K
Lewis Alleston	9O
Tom Monk	9I
Owen Bloor	9B
Joel Plant	9O
Will Heath	9T

Cross-Country

Leicestershire Schools League

Saturday 13 September 2014

Groby College

Year 7 Boys

Charlie Combey 5th
Ethan Williams 30th



Junior Boys

Guillaume Preston 20th
Thibaut Preston 31st

PE KIT

Can pupils remember to bring ALL their equipment and PE kit on the day they need it. Telephone calls home will not be made for forgotten kits and equipment.

The PE department has some items of sports wear that pupils may borrow. Please make sure all PE kit is named.

Thank you.



No aerosols

We are a spray deodorant free school due to the effects that sprays can have on pupils and members of staff who have respiratory concerns, such as asthma.

We do, however, strongly encourage pupils to use roll on deodorants after PE lessons.

Thank you.

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Internet Safety

For parents and carers

A session delivered by Police, Youth Offending Service and Supporting Leicestershire Families staff on internet safety. Please visit www.brockington.leics.sch.uk to register for this free event.



There has been increasing concerns about young peoples' use of the internet and how that may place them at risk. This session, which is about an hour long, discusses the realities of the internet for parents/carers.

This will include the importance of talking to young people about their use of the internet, as well as tips and ideas to keep children safe online.



Where: Brockington College

When: Wednesday 1 October 2014

Time: 6.00 pm

Who: Parents and Carers

Johannesburg 2014



On Friday 11 July 2014 a group of 26 staff and students from Brockington College embarked on the adventure of a lifetime. After meeting at Brockington for lunch, the group departed and started their journey towards Johannesburg in South Africa. The excitement



was evident within the group, all anxious about being away from home for 17 days, but looking forward to the opportunities they were about to embark upon. After an overnight flight and a brief stop off in Ethiopia, the group arrived at O.R.Tambo airport fresh faced and ready to work.



The first full day took the group to Soweto. They were able to learn all about the Apartheid movement and personal stories of how South Africans and in particular people from Soweto were affected by it. They also ate in a local restaurant and were treated to some shows by street performers. They visited some fantastic sites of interest, such as Nelson Mandela's house, rich man – poor man street where rich and poor literally live side by side, the squatter camps and Soccer city. It was a full and cultural day which gave the group a real insight into South African life and heritage.



For the remainder of the time the group mainly spent their time at Zama Montessori school in Benoni. Whilst there, they taught lessons to students, played games and played football and also helped to start essential building work on their natural playground. The group worked tirelessly in shifts to dig ground as hard as concrete, lay stones and eventually sculpted a pathway that links the buildings of the school together and winds through the area designated for their new playground. It was exhausting and very dirty work, but immensely rewarding at the end of the trip when the pathway was finished. The students were proud of what they had achieved and the legacy they had left behind.

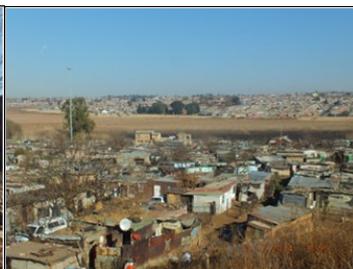


The group also did a small amount of work at a local squatter camp, where a Christian group were running a soup kitchen, medical centre and school out of two shipping containers. The parents and children using the centre were amongst the poorest in the area and most were HIV positive. It was a highly emotional time that was spent at the squatter camp and the group met some truly inspiring people there. The memories of this will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

As a reward for their hard work, the group managed to fit in a brush with local wildlife when they went on safari. They saw four of the big five, the only one they didn't see was buffalo. It was a truly magnificent experience to see lion cubs playing in the grass and a cheetah hiding in the bushes, hippo and rhino sleeping in the heat of the afternoon sun and many many more. It was a real eye opener for the group to see such diversity and natural beauty compared to the basic living conditions they had spent so much of their time working in.

The trip was a huge success and after 17 days away the group returned to Brockington. They were stronger, more mature, more aware of how lucky they are and buzzing with stories to tell their families and friends about their experiences.

Thank you to everyone who supported the trip and the fundraising. For more information check out the blog at www.kash4kenya.com where you can read the daily blogs to see what the group got up to, and see more pictures. Or look at the Johannesburg notice board next time you are on the PE corridor. Miss Heggs.



Kash 4 Kenya

Kash4Kenya Update

As you are aware, heartbreakingly, 8 weeks before Brockington staff and students were due to travel to Kenya the government changed their travel advice to the area where our partner schools are located. The area is now deemed as unsafe for all but essential travel. The Kash4Kenya group were obviously heartbroken as all of their hard work for the previous 18 months and their excitement at the prospect of



such a once in a life time opportunity seemed to be wasted.



Fortunately the group was still able to travel to Africa and were able to help out in another school. Despite this, they were adamant that they still wanted to help out our partner schools in Mtwapa, Kenya. Money was sent over and the building work was completed, the school has opened and is now thriving! The work is not over, Brockington will continue to run the Kash4Kenya project and we have plans to build a further three classrooms for Sagail Academy to enable them to expand and to open up education to a larger number of children in the very deprived Mtmondoni village where it is located.

The school and local community are very thankful of the support they have received so far and are excited at the prospect of what is still to come. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support of the Kash4Kenya project and we hope you will continue to support us in the future.

For more information and to see more photos of the new Sagail school please visit the website link below.

<http://www.getjealous.com/mpenzi/journal/3142046/new-sagail-schoolkenya-africa-completed.html>



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.



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Adult Learning at Brockington

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



Living for Wellbeing, Arts, Languages, Skills for Life, ICT and ESOL.

Our new programme is available to view online at www.leics.gov.uk/golearn.
Brochures are available from the college and at your local libraries.

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

For more information or to enrol please call 0116 2867944 or 0800 988 0308 or visit www.leics.gov.uk/golearn



Enderby Youth Band Trip to Paris

In August this year, the Enderby Youth Band visited Paris to play two concerts, one at the Videopolis Stage in Disneyland Paris and the other at the Jardins du Luxembourg in Paris itself.

The band enjoyed performing in the impressive venues and the audience showed their appreciation.

Many of the band players are current or past pupils at Brockington College and Tianna Routley, Molly Carter, Daniel Langstaff, Thomas Penny and Harvey Fretwell were lucky enough to be able to go along.

All the players have worked hard to be members of the Enderby Youth Band and put in a lot of practice on a weekly basis.



A Place to Grow

Brockington are collecting the Morrisons 'Lets Grow Vouchers' for their allotments on a Place to Grow. The scheme runs from 1 September to 26 October 2014 so please collect as many as you can and place them in the box at reception. We have been very successful in previous years and have purchased seeds, plant food and various pieces of equipment to help us with our gardening.



Thank you in anticipation of your help in collecting these vouchers and please let family and friends know of our appeal.

Any queries please contact Miss Reynolds.

Cleaner Required

A cleaner is required to join our existing cleaning team as soon as possible. Candidates must be able to work 12.5 hours per week (hours by negotiation).

Hours: 12.5 hrs pw x 52 wks pa (33.78% FTE)

Current Salary: Grade 2
(actual salary £4,201.56 pa)

Please visit the vacancies section of our website for an application form

www.brockington.leics.sch.uk

losing date: Friday 3 October 2014