



Brockington College

Learning to Live Life to the Full

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*Mr Chris Southall
Principal*

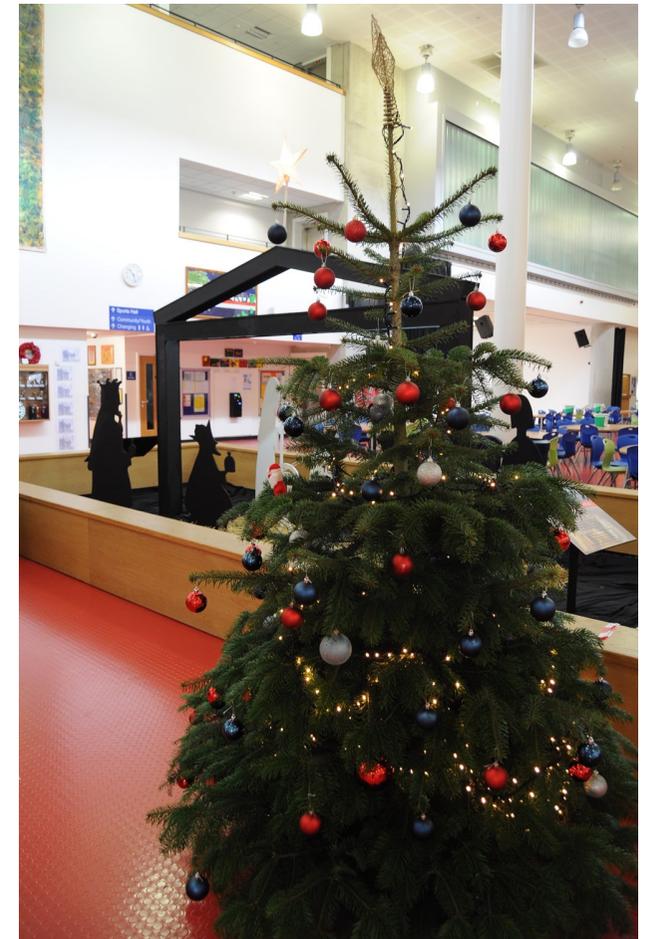
Can I firstly take the opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas. I hope that you relish the time together as a family and the chance to reflect upon the Christmas message of hope.

As you will be aware, all pupils have recently received their reports for this term. These are not documents to be looked at and discarded, but rather to form a conversation between parents and children. It is important to tease out why achievement and attitude grades are as given and how necessary improvements can be made to raise grades. It is essential for all pupils to do as well as they possibly can. Not everyone can gain the highest grades, but everyone can reach their target grades.

Generally, the school reports were extremely positive and we are very proud of the vast majority of our pupils. Additionally, we know that academic achievement is not the only important aspect to school life. We have to work together to develop youngsters that have a range of academic and social skills and values in life that prepare them appropriately to raise the next generation. Consequently, we are delighted that this term, so many Brockington pupils have taken part in extra-curricular clubs, school trips and charity events that help to strengthen these values.

Finally, I would like to personally thank all the dedicated and hard working members of staff at the college. I am in no doubt that the success of our school is as a result of the passion and care shown by a fabulous workforce of people.

Have a great holiday everyone.



Religious Studies Leicester Diocese 'Design a Christmas Card Competition'.



Our Year 7 pupils have worked in their RS lessons to design the Leicester Diocese official Christmas card.

Pupils used their knowledge of Christian beliefs during Advent and Christmas to reflect influences on Christian beliefs at this time of year. Cards were also chosen to be printed and sold to raise money for Kash4Kenya at the Christmas Fayre and to raise money for 'Help the Children' charity. Well done to all Year 7 pupils for their innovative and vivid creations. The pupils were:

Shaun Gamble 7G	Jenna Moore 7O	Lauren Vickers 7N
Ella Steans 7C	Erin Christopher 7C	Simran Arora 7B
Oliver Hall 7T	Klarissa Mistry 7T	Niamh Pratt 7T
Alice Kilby 7T	Ariane Fisher 7L	

Ella Steans came second in the Design a Christmas Card Competition and won a Gift Voucher. Well done.

Brockington College Jumper/Non-Uniform Day



Pupils were invited to help raise money for the charity 'Save the Children'. Save the Children works in 120 countries. They save children's lives. They fight for their rights. They help them fulfil their potential.

Thank you to all pupils, staff and our community for supporting us on this day and raising money for such an amazing charity.



Enderby Church Youth-Led Service

On Sunday 7 December Brockington Orchestra helped out playing carols at the Enderby Church Youth-Led Carol Service.

A lovely evening was had by all starting off the festivities for this year.



Gymnastics Competition

Earlier this month, Alice Kirby (7T) took part in the Leicestershire County Gymnastics Association Level 6 All-Round competition and won the gold medal for her age group 10/11. This involved competing in four disciplines - vault, bars, beam and floor - each one is scored individually and the scores are then added together to find the overall winner.

Alice achieved the highest score on vault, beam and bars which earned her the gold medal position. Well done Alice.



Brockington Christmas Show

On Thursday 11 December I took part in the Christmas Show. The show was a combination of music, singing and drama.

I love performing and drama because it gives you the chance to be other people and can develop your confidence. I was the blue bauble in the first piece of drama. Hopefully I will continue to perform in drama in the summer musical and shows to come.

By Lucy Vann 8C

Voice It

As a result of our 'Anti-Bullying Survey' back in 2012 we launched two new 'Voice It' systems to make it easier for pupils to log concerns about bullying, anti-social behaviour and any other concerns they may have in and around the college. The systems have proven to be highly successful and are used on a regular basis. To find out more, or to log a concern, please visit <http://goo.gl/j4Sl4n>.

Summary of Issues this year

9 Peer Issues	Dealt with by Head of Year/ Pastoral Manager
2 Issues raised by Parents	Dealt with by Head of Year/ Pastoral Manager

Parents As Partners

Please take a few minutes to have a look over our newly created 'Parents as Partners' blog to get the latest information on what you can do to help your child.

To view the latest tips please visit <http://goo.gl/AeJWOC>

Wanted

Food technology require plastic food tubs, large margarine tubs, takeaway boxes and clean plastic bags. Thank you.

Spiritual Reflection

Each week, pupils spend time in form and assembly spiritually reflecting on our theme, value and word of the week.

To find out more about the themes this half-term, or what our pupils are doing in spiritual reflection please visit <http://goo.gl/3SKTS8>

Emergency Medication

We have a number of children in school that carry 'Emergency Medicines'

Can we please ask that:

- Your child carries these with them at ALL times
- That expiry dates are checked
- That the medicine is labelled with your child's name on it
- That you consider providing a 'spare one' to be kept in the First Aid Room
- 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).
- That your child takes them on school trips

ALL other medicine users, including those with an inhaler, must have a medicines consent form, signed by the parent/carer. These are available on the college website or at reception.

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

Emergency Contacts

Please can you ensure that your contact details are always kept up-to date and if possible add alternative contacts, such as a work phone number, so that we may get hold of you in an emergency. Any new details should be provided to: Mrs Barnes on 0116 2863722 (ext. 110)

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 .

Risk Assessments

Following an injury or a period of illness, if your child requires specific care when returning to school, please can you call to arrange for a risk assessment. We can then help to establish what health and safety measures are required in order to support your child. Mrs Williamson (ext. 109)

Parent Pay FAQ

Q: Can I see my child's balance and what he/she has bought in the canteen?

A: Following the change to Biometrics you should now be able to view your child's purchases in school.

Q: Can I receive an alert from Parent Pay when my balance is low?

A: Yes, just log on to Parent Pay and go to 'Mobile/Email Alerts & School Communication'.

Q: Biometrics

A: To avoid the queues in school remember to check your balance and top up regularly. Credits are now automatically applied, so there is no need to use the loaders to check money has been uploaded.

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

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

Q: Why is an item still showing on my account, when I have paid out?

A: Some school items are permanently available because over the course of a year more than one may be required. Other whole school items need to remain on the system until payments are complete.

Q: How do I check my trip payments?

- A:*
- Log in to Parent Pay
 - Select Transaction History tab
 - Select child (if more than one)
 - Select Payment item – Name of trip
 - Change dates to cover period of payments
 - Search
 - Summary of payments is provided, including total paid

Parent Governor Update

My name is Philippa Graham and I've been a parent governor at Brockington since March this year. I wanted to contribute something back to the school, as a past pupil and a current parent at an important time as the school moves to an 11-16 year status. I have a son who is in Year 9 and along with his peers will be the first cohort to move into Year 10/11.

There are different types of governors who work for the school; foundation governors who are appointed by the Diocese, staff governors, a local authority governor and parent governors. Members of the senior leadership team attend governors meetings as well to provide information and guidance as required. There are three other parent governors at the college and they all have children attending Brockington College. They are Helen Gleave, Paul Johnson and Umesh Patel.

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. Helen is on the teaching and learning committee, Paul is on the leadership and management committee and Umesh is on the achievement committee. They are also all members of the finance committee. I have recently moved from teaching and learning to the behaviour and safety committee. This has been as a result of being appointed as the governor link for safeguarding and these matters are discussed in the behaviour and safety committee. As a social worker by profession I am familiar with safeguarding, but I am learning a lot about the safeguards the school puts in place, from having designated staff members to deal with any safeguarding issues to ensuring policies and processes are in place for trips, bullying and health and safety to name a few.

There is training available to support governors and I recently attended an induction for governors course which took place over three evenings. This was a good opportunity to work alongside other governors from different schools and receive training on our role and responsibilities.

If you want to contact one of the parent governors you can do this through school or by attending the regular parent forum meetings, which are held every half-term.

Philippa Graham - Parent Governor

Parent Governor Election

We currently have a vacancy on our governing body for one parent governor. Following a request from the college to all parents/carers, two parents/carers have been nominated for election, Mrs Julie Brown and Mr Paul Johnson, therefore a ballot will take place.

Please click on the following link to access election information and the ballot paper goo.gl/tb1KXm

Your vote is important. Please read the following guidance on how to vote:

- Each parent/carer of a pupil at Brockington is entitled to vote.
- Ballot papers are available from this link, our website or from the college office. <http://goo.gl/xL7pKD>
- Read the personal statements written by each of the candidates.
- Vote for one candidate by placing an **X** next to the name of the candidate you wish to vote for.
- Return completed ballot papers to the college office in a sealed envelope marked 'Ballot Paper' by the deadline.
- Deadline for ballot paper returns: **Wednesday 14 January 2015 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 our move to 11-16 status. Consequently, I hope you will be encouraged to vote.

Mr Chris Southall - Principal

Number Day

In the week leading up to Friday 5 December students were involved in raising money for the NSPCC Number Day. A competition was launched that week in which students had to respond to the question: "If you were a number, what number would you be and why?" The best entry won a voucher of their choice for £10.00. Each student who entered donated at least 20p to the NSPCC (many donated more) and in total the school raised £35.51.

I would like to thank all the students who entered or donated. It was a very tough decision in choosing the eventual winner, with ten students progressing to the final judging. These notable entries were from Kane Shirley in 8R, Robyn Baker in 9N, Alyana Pabani in 7O, Charlotte Rendell in 7O, Tianna Routley in 9K, Denise Moyo in 7O, Jack Rawson in 9N, Hollie Clark in 9I and Charlie Morris in 8K, along with the eventual winner Eliyana Wilkinson-Douglin in 7T. Eliyana has chosen to have her £10.00 gift card redeemable from New Look.

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.

Reiki - Natural Energy Healing

Sat 17 January 2015 (19:00-21:00)

Makaton Foundation Course

Mon 26 January to 9 March 2015 (19:00-21:00)

Spanish Beginners Course

Thur 29 January to 12 March 2015 (19:00-21:00)

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

Term Dates

	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Autumn Term			
School Opens		1 September 2015	30 August 2016
Mid-term Break		19 - 23 October 2015	17- 21 October 2016
School Closes	19 December 2014	18 December 2015	16 December 2016
Spring Term			
School Opens	6 January 2015	5 January 2016	4 January 2017
Mid-term Break	16 - 20 February 2015	15 - 19 February 2016	13- 17 February 2017
School Closes	27 March 2015	23 March 2016	7 April 2017
Summer Term			
School Opens	13 April 2015	11 April 2016	24 April 2017
May Day	4 May 2015	2 May 2016	1 May 2017
Mid-term Break	25 May - 29 May 2015	30 May - 3 June 2016	29 May - 2 June 2017
School Closes	10 July 2015	15 July 2016	13 July 2017

Please note that these term dates have been agreed and will be the same as all primary schools in our catchment area, other than for Danemill Primary who have chosen two alternative dates in 2015/2016

Please be aware that school will close at 1.00 pm on Friday 19 December for the Christmas holidays, although childcare is available until 2.20 pm on this date. Please see the letter from the Principal regarding this matter. Link goo.gl/efp3lD

Dates for the Diary

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

Upcoming Events

Parents' Forum Meeting

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

Tuesday 3 February 2015
7.00 pm - 8.00 pm

All parents and carers are invited to hear about the current delivery of GCSE Maths to Year 9 pupils at the College with an update on 11-16 plans.

Refreshments will be provided.

Summer Musical

This year's summer musical will be announced on 12 January!

Auditions will be held after school during the week starting Monday 26 January 2015!

English Department Star Board Dec 2014

Year and Band	Star Achiever	Rising Star
Year 7 Band 1	Ella Steans (7C)	Tommy Hall (7O)
Year 7 Band 2	Ria Mackness (7K)	James McManus (7L)
Year 8 Band 1	Bradley Socha (8C)	Alisa Tikkanen (8B)
Year 8 Band 2	Mollie Gill (8G)	Molly Marshall (8N)
Year 9 Band 1	Sam Portas (9R)	Cameron Veitch (9B)
Year 9 Band 2	Kamen Cashmore (9I)	Jack Summers (9I)

Performing Arts Exam Achievements

Congratulations to all those musicians who took and passed music exams this term. Your commitment and hard work is really showing in your results. Special congratulations to Jessica Lapworth who got a distinction for Grade 3 Flugelhorn and Charlotte Faulkner who also got a distinction for her Grade 3 Music Theory.



Warwick Castle

On Friday 12 December several students went on our annual visit to Warwick Castle. The trip was a reward for those pupils who have maintained 100% attendance so far this year and have also recorded the highest A2Ls for their year group. The lucky students were selected at random from a long list of those who were eligible. Four students were selected from each year group to take part.

The day started to the sound of Christmas songs on the journey to Warwick. On arrival the group had a quick look around and began to scale the 530 steps up to the top of the castle. The views from the top were fantastic. The next stop was the 'gaol' where the students weren't impressed by the thought of the conditions that the prisoners were kept in –

and even less so when we joked that we could use some of the ideas in school.

After a thorough exploration of the grounds we had our 'dungeon' tour. It was an eye opening experience for all, pulses were definitely racing and I'm sure that the screams can still be heard echoing through the dungeons. A scary but very entertaining experience for all. After their escapades in the dungeons the group headed to the main hall to warm themselves in front of the open log fire and were amazed at the Christmas tree on display. Warwick taught them a lot about English history, they saw some fantastic artefacts and even some birds of prey. A great day was had by all.

Miss Hegg



Brockington Christmas Fayre

On Friday 4 December 2014 we held our annual Christmas Fayre. There was a range of stalls including external vendors selling Christmas gifts and stalls organised by Brockington pupils. The Fayre was once again well attended and supported. We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to everyone that supported the annual Christmas Fayre.

We raised £743.09 which is much needed cash that will help the continuation of the building project at Sagail Nursery school in Kenya. The money will truly make a huge difference to the lives and education of the children there. It is greatly appreciated.

Thanks again and Merry Christmas

A letter received from Mapenzi in Kenya

Dear Brockington College

It is my great pleasure to hear that you are fine likewise to my family and I. I would like to take this golden opportunity to thank you for paying my school fees. Not everyone has this chance that makes me to count myself lucky.

I am in the hardest class, form three. This class needs full dedication and hard work. Though it is tough I am really doing my best trying to achieve the best.

We closed the school on 1 August and we will open on 1 September. The report card will be handed on 6 September. May you continue with the same spirit. Receive greetings from my family, they really love you.

Yours loving daughter. Mapenzi

Recycle

Recycle and raise funds for the Kash4Kenya meal aid scheme! Don't send your unwanted textiles to land fill, recycle them using the textile bank at Brockington.

The Salvation Army will give us 50% of the proceeds made from donated textiles.

So please bring in good quality clean textiles, including curtains, bed linen, clothing accessories and paired shoes.

The textile bank is situated in the main car park.

The Enigma Trip

The Enigma trip, was a HUGE success! The students enjoyed a fantastic performance by the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra. They performed the Enigma Variations by Edward Elgar and were given listening tasks to do to make sure they were fully engaged with their surroundings.

We are all looking forward to our next music trip to see Swan Lake performed in London.

By Charlotte E Moore.

Artificial Grass Pitch

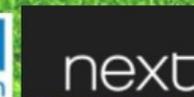
Our full size 3G pitch can be used for football and training for a range of sports and is fully floodlit and covered by CCTV. The rubber crumb pitch is available to hire any evening of the week, (where spaces in the timetable permit) for casual pay and play use, as well as weekly team training. The pitch 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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Parents and Friends of Brockington College



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Performing Arts

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 to 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. They will then send out their information and contracts in order to start lessons with them.

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

Department Stars

In celebration of all the hard work and commitment of our pupils we have decided to award two pupils each month as our Star and Rising Star.

Star: Simran Sangherra (9I) - For excellent solo performance opening the Christmas Show
Rising Star: James Birtwistle (7T) - For a fantastic and funny performance in the Christmas Show.

Orchestra

Every Tuesday in Room 022 from 3.30 - 4.30 pm.
 Open to all musicians.
 See Miss Styles or Miss Pilgrim for more information.

Drama Club

Every Tuesday in the Drama Studio 3.10 - 4.10 pm.
 Open to any Year 9 pupils interested in developing their performance skills. See Mrs Hawthorne for more info.

Extra-Curricular Activities

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Break	Practice rooms available for all musicians wishing to practice				
Lunch	Vocal Group - 024				
After-School	Department Closed	Brockington Orchestra Yr 9 Drama Club	Music Theory Club 024	Practice rooms available for <u>all musicians</u> to use	

Instrument	Name of Teacher	Contact Details
Flute	Ms Teresa Bexon	01455 239373 07791 456054 tjbmusic@talktalk.net
Keyboard/Piano	Mr Ian Maw	ianmaw@tiscali.co.uk
Drum Kit	Mr Adam Stringer	07941 549962
Guitar (Electric/Bass/Classical)	Mr Dave Jobson	0116 2920622 07948 402728 guitarlessons@tiscali.co.uk
Singing	Mrs Sarah Woodhall	07866 015774
Clarinet/Saxophone	Mr Patrick White	patrickjwhitemusicteacher@hotmail.co.uk
Violin/Viola	Ms Sally Smith	sasviolinviola@hotmail.co.uk
Ukelele	Mr Mark Ferraby	07901 560215 mark@littleredtruck.co.uk

Sports

Results

Basketball Year 8 Boys

Thomas Estley	Won	17 - 15
Lutterworth	Won	36 - 10
Leysland	Won	30 - 7

Basketball Year 9 Boys

Thomas Estley	Won	30 - 11
Lutterworth	Won	20 - 0
Leysland	Won	16 - 17

Rugby Year 8 County Plate Competition Quarter Final

Brockington	19	Brookvale 7
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Cross Country

Groby Community College 13 September

Year 7 Boys

Charlie Combey	5th	Ethan Williams	30th
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Junior Boys (Years 8 and 9)

Guillaume Preston	20th	Thibaut Preston	31st
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Rutland Water 27 September

Year 7 Boys

Charlie Combey	13th	Ethan Williams	28th
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Junior Boys (Years 8 and 9)

Guillaume Preston	28th	Thibaut Preston	40th
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Lutterworth 15 November

Year 7 Boys

Charlie Combey	12th	Ethan Williams	40th
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Junior Boys (Years 8 and 9)

Guillaumne Preston	17th	Thibaut Preston	26th
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Brooksby 6 December

Year 7 Boys

Charlie Combey	8th	Ethan Williams	36th
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Junior Boys (Years 8 and 9)

Guillaumne Preston	18th	Thibaut Preston	26th
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Football Results

Can be viewed on <http://www.brockington.leics.sch.uk/sports-results/>

or scan the QR code on the right.

