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## Brockington Bulletin June and July 2019 Edition



**Sadie Batstone**  
Principal

Dear parents/carers

At the time of writing I am completing the end of my fourth full week as Principal of Brockington College. During this time there is one thing that has really stood out to me, and that is the positive attitudes and the respect that pupils have shown. I have experienced polite pupils who hold doors open, who have said 'thank you' or 'hello' and pupils who have picked up litter, as well as pupils who have taken part in the fun run to raise money for charity and pupils who are doing well and trying hard. I'm currently writing a lot of R3 letters and emails to go home! I've met many proactive pupils who have brought to me aspects of school life they'd like me to consider, from study leave to plastic waste! As well as pupils who have shown kindness and compassion; even today as I stood on lunch duty, a girl dropped her lunch on the floor, immediately a pupil from another year group helped her to pick it up.

As you will read within this bulletin, pupils have been taking part in a huge array of activities this term including sports day, choir competitions, area sports, county sports and Duke of Edinburgh expeditions to name but a few. On 5 July we also held our fun run in support of the Nicholls Spinal Research Foundation and the Anthony Nolan Trust. We anticipate that money raised from this one event will amount to over £4000. Thank you to all those who have supported the pupils by sponsoring them. The afternoon was full of fun with some fantastic costumes worn, from a giant dinosaur to various morphs and angels in the mix too! Well over 700 pupils took part in the run and their willingness to take part in something to raise money for those in need, represents the values of compassion, perseverance and koinonia - values that we hold in high esteem at Brockington College.

One of the highlights so far has been attending the summer showcase concert which saw pupils from all year groups deliver high standard musical, dramatic and dance performances. The dedication of both staff and pupils working together to produce a really enjoyable evening was clear. It was with great sadness that we also said goodbye to Ros O'Hara who is leaving us at the end of this year. Ros has not only been a wonderful teacher of music but has given up so much of her time, along with other members of staff, to put together a huge range of extra-curricular opportunities for pupils over the years she has been with us. We wish her well as she embarks upon leading her own performing arts department.

We also have three other members of staff leaving us at the end of this academic year. Ollie Tapscott leaves us after two highly successful years teaching history and geography at Brockington. He has been an inspirational and innovative teacher whose passion for the humanities (and rugby football) will be greatly missed by staff and pupils alike. We also say goodbye to Hayley Atkinson, who leaves after her second spell at Brockington as both a geography teacher and a learning support assistant. She has been a great source of support to many pupils at school and we wish her well for the future. Finally, we also say goodbye to Marion Bullivant who has been our attendance officer for the last four years. Marion has been an integral part of the school fabric and has supported many families over extended periods of time, where attendance to school has been difficult for many different reasons. We thank her for her dedication to her role and for being an outstanding link to our community.

This term we have said a final 'farewell' to our Year 11 pupils. We wish them well in all their future endeavours as they embark upon their next stages in life. I hope that over the summer break, all pupils are able to take time to reflect upon the year they have had, the successes they've encountered, the progress they have made and come back in August rested and ready to go!



Fun run see page 5



A night at the movies see page 8



Workplace World Cup see page 7



Year 11 GCSE art exhibition see page 10

## End of summer term arrangements 2019

School will close for the summer holidays at 12.40pm on Friday 12 July 2019. The school buses will arrive for 12.50pm and will depart at approximately 1pm.

There will be the facility for any child to stay in school and be supervised in the library until 3pm, although there will be no school buses at this time. Please contact the school office as soon as possible if you would like to make use of this facility.

Please note that there will be limited administrative support over the summer holiday period, so if you need to contact the school, please be aware that a response may not be immediate.

Following the summer break, we look forward to seeing current pupils and our new intake of Year 7 pupils at school on Thursday 29 August 2019. If you have any questions regarding these arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Sadie Batstone, Principal

## Voice It

Voice It was launched after a Brockington anti-bullying survey revealed that pupils felt that it was not easy to register a concern or report bullying to adults, both at home and school. One reason for this was that they did not feel brave enough to have the conversations face-to-face and felt it a very daunting idea to have to sit and discuss their worries. Our system can be anonymous or pupils can leave their name. It makes it easier for pupils to log concerns about bullying, anti-social behaviour and any other concerns they may have, in and around the school. The system has proved to be highly effective and is used on a regular basis. Pupils can use the 'Voice It boxes' outside of the pastoral office room 018 or in the library, or they can use the online form accessed through the school website. Their concerns are then passed to the relevant head of year and pastoral manager to deal with and resolve the issues. To find out more or to log a concern, please visit the school website or the following link: <http://goo.gl/j4SI4n>.

### Summary of issues: June and July 2019

Report of pupil being bullied	2	Resolved by pastoral manager
Report of being unhappy with a situation already being dealt with	1	Resolved by pastoral manager/head of year
Concern reported by a third party for assistance with a situation	1	Resolved by pastoral manager

Mrs Underwood, Pastoral Manager

## Dates for your diary

Non-uniform day	Thursday	11 July 2019	£1.00 donation for Heart Link Children's Charity 
Year 11 GCSE results day	Thursday	22 August 2019	8am – 10 am
Open mornings	Monday Tuesday Wednesday	23 September 2019 24 September 2019 25 September 2019	8.45am-9.45am 8.45am-9.45am 8.45am-9.45am
Open evening (All prospective pupils, parents and carers are welcome)		Wednesday 25 September 2019	5.30pm-7.30pm

## Lost property

Items of lost property are taken to the main reception. Named items can be returned to the rightful owner. Parents/carers who wish to come and view lost property should telephone reception (0116 2863722) to make arrangements to come and do so after school.

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

## Job vacancies at Brockington: Casual kitchen assistant

### Role one: Fixed term 10am-2.30pm from Thursday 29 August 2019 to Friday 11 October 2019

We require a casual kitchen assistant to join our catering team from Thursday 29 August to Friday 11 October 2019.

The role will include basic kitchen duties, washing up and general cleaning.

Rate of pay: £9 per hour

### Role two: Casual kitchen assistants

We require an enthusiastic bank of casual kitchen assistants to join our catering team on an 'as and when required' basis, to cover busy periods, staff absence and external functions. The role will include basic kitchen duties, washing up and general cleaning.

Rate of pay: £9 per hour

For further information and an application form, please visit the Brockington College website.



## Brockington College office hours

The Brockington College office is open from:

8.00am to 4.30pm  
Monday to Friday  
(during term time)

## Car access to main reception

If you are visiting the college by car, please park in the main Blaby Road car park and walk down the driveway to reception.

Cars should only be driven down the driveway to the main entrance if disabled parking is required.

Thank you.

# RS News



## R is for... Religious Studies!



*Year 9 students have thoroughly enjoyed studying the different aspects of world views through our lessons on the complete A-Z of religious and non-religious beliefs!*

Each letter of the alphabet formed a lesson which explored a range of views; from A is for Atheism, C is for Creation, to J is for Jesus and even, U is for Uncertainty! Students linked their GCSE Christian and Buddhist knowledge studied throughout the year, to further enrich their knowledge on what food religious believers can eat and how wealth must be utilised.



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A is for Atheism



D is for Darwin



F is for forgiveness



## Year 11 prom

On Friday 21 June, we celebrated the Year 11 prom at Leicester City Football Club.



Year 11 showed us just how much they have all grown and matured throughout their time at Brockington, and we were proud to host such amazing young people. Every single Year 11 was immaculately turned out, and we hope they created memories to be treasured for years to come.

As voted by the pupils, Richard Arens was crowned Prom King, and Leah Welford was crowned Prom Queen.

A wonderful night was had by all in attendance, and it was a very fitting way to celebrate them moving on to their next chapter.

Well done Year 11! Mrs Underwood, Pastoral Manager/Mrs Smith, Head of Year

# Brockington library news



## Pupil librarians

The new pupil librarians have now completed their probation period and are proving to be a great help in the general running of the library. All have been trained in the new system and can issue and return books. Jessica, Talia and Katie from Year 7 have created a wonderful display on mental health featuring some of the books available for loan which deal with various mental health and well-being issues.



## The library online

Unfortunately, the library was frequently closed to pupils during the exam period. However, the quieter period has been used to update all the entries on the library website for fiction books. It is now possible to search for books online by author, title or keyword and see if they are in stock or out on loan. Books can be reserved online too. The library app can be accessed from home by going to the school's webpage and logging on to the student portal.

## Books to be returned

All books which are currently on loan should have been returned by Friday 5 July so that a full stock take can be completed in the last week of term.

## Library loyalty scheme

The loyalty scheme has been a great success with 80 pupils from Years 7 and 8 completing level one (five books read and reviewed), 20 completing level two (ten more books) and seven pupils who have completed or are close to completing level three (15 more books – that's 30 books in total). The scheme will continue next year.

Wishing everyone a wonderful summer and good summer reading!

Mrs Elliott, Learning Resources Coordinator

Twitter: @BrockingtonLib

## Being a zero hero!

7N and tutor Mr Carr got involved in the environmental campaign to save the planet. Minimising our waste is a key to less pollution, so they joined a movement called 'Zero Heroes'.



The idea is to create a human zero, take a photograph and publish it so that more people are made aware of the importance of reducing waste.

It was great fun. Check out the air on those jumps! Mr Carr, form tutor 7N and humanities teacher

## Free lifelong geography learning - Futurelearn

Geography at Brockington is much more than flags, countries, rocks and coasts. We believe that it is our mission to support young people to develop an understanding of global development, environmental issues and a core knowledge of the human and physical processes on Earth.

However, we also believe that this mission extends to our wider community. As such, we would like to recommend Futurelearn.com for continued adult learning. Futurelearn is a project developed in association with the Open University and provides a range of online learning courses – totally free. Courses typically last around three to four weeks and require one to three hours of learning time per week (depending on the course).

Within the geography department, colleagues have completed a number of these courses (for example, around the issues of climate change, geology, urban developments in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, etc.). The level of learning begins gently and requires a depth of understanding that we would expect from our Year 10 pupils. The courses build gently upon this and we would estimate the final level of challenge to be close to the first year of a undergraduate degree. As the courses are completely free, we really do recommend that you take a look at the Futurelearn.com website and sign up.

We would particularly like to recommend the following courses which will re-start in the coming weeks and months:

- Climate change: The science
- Climate change: The solutions
- Extreme geological events
- The science of nuclear energy
- Why do people migrate
- Italian for beginners
- Spanish for beginners



Mr Molloy, Humanities department

## Netflix BBC iplayer geography



The geography department recognise that learning doesn't just take place in the classroom and during fieldwork. We have recently completed a new wall display advertising movies and documentaries available on Netflix (subscription required) and BBC iPlayer (free if you have a TV licence). We would like to encourage pupils to spend some time over the summer using these films to consolidate and improve their leaning in geography. Not all of the films are suitable for all pupils and our display does advertise the BBFC age certificate suggested for each film. We advise parents to check the suggested viewing age on Netflix and BBC iPlayer before encouraging your child to view any of the films.

For Key Stage 3, we recommend watching: 'The Bee Movie' (Netflix) to learn about the interdependence of ecosystems (plus it is a good film!), as well as 'Blue Planet' / 'Blue Planet II'.

For Key Stage 4, we recommend each of the Key Stage 3 recommendations and also: 'The boy who harnessed the wind' (Netflix, about desertification)  
Louis Theroux's 'Lagos' (BBC iPlayer, about development and world cities)  
'Earth's great rivers' (BBC iPlayer)  
'Beyond the flood' (Netflix, about climate change)

Mr Molloy, Humanities department



## Geography fieldwork develops

During the course of this academic year, the geography department has been investing a significant amount of our budget in new fieldwork equipment. Our fieldwork equipment inventory now includes a wide range of tools, for example anemometers, clinometers, flow meters, callipers, ranging poles and many other specialist items.

Our GCSE specification requires all pupils to have the opportunity to complete at least two fieldwork exercises in contrasting environments, for example, at the coast and in an urban area. However, we intend to embed fieldwork within our curriculum across all years and on multiple occasions per year. As such, please expect to hear your child describing a wide range of outside learning experiences.

We also intend to lead a much wider variety of fieldwork and learning trips to external locations – for example to Bradgate Park, Wells-next-the-Sea (Norfolk) and to study an example of a multi-national corporation (Mondelez at Cadbury World in Bournville). These photographs show Year 9 GCSE geography students getting to grips with our new anemometers in a fieldwork study of microclimate around the school grounds.



Mr Molloy, Humanities department



2018-2019		2019-2020	2020-2021
<b>Autumn term</b>			
School opens		Thursday 29 August 2019	Wednesday 26 August 2020
Bank holiday		Not applicable	Monday 31 August 2020
Mid-term break		14 to 18 October 2019	19 to 23 October 2020
School closes		Friday 20 December 2019	Friday 18 December 2020
<b>Spring term</b>			
School opens		Tuesday 7 January 2020	Tuesday 5 January 2021
Mid-term break		17 to 21 February 2020	15 to 19 February 2021
School closes		Friday 3 April 2020	Friday 26 March 2021
<b>Summer term</b>			
School opens		Monday 20 April 2020	Monday 12 April 2021
May day		<b>Friday 8 May 2020</b> <b>(Please note change of date)</b>	Monday 3 May 2021
Mid-term break		25 May to 29 May 2020	31 May to 4 June 2021
School closes	Friday 12 July 2019	Friday 10 July 2020	Friday 9 July 2021

## Fun run Friday 5 July 2019

On Friday 5 July, Brockington College held another fancy dress fun run. Once again, Brockington pupils and staff surpassed their previous efforts.

Over 650 pupils volunteered to take part in the event to raise money for the Nicholls Foundation/Anthony Nolan Trust. Claire Lomas came to support the fun run as patron of the charity and to support the pupils.

This year we have raised just over £4420 with a further amount to be claimed through gift aid. There is still money to be collected, so we hope to see this fantastic total rise.

A massive thanks to all those that took part and helped us raise this incredible amount of money. Thanks also go to parents, carers and other family members for supporting this event through sponsoring our pupils.



A special mention should go to the following pupils who were the top fundraisers :-

- Ella Jackson £100
- Oliver Potts £250
- Neve Ellul £340.50

Miss Wyeth, PE department



## Achievements

### Designers of the month

Every month the design department selects pupils from each year who have shown exceptional creative and design talent.

#### This month congratulations go to:

- Year 7** Annie Sanders
  - Year 8** Faith Browne
  - Year 9** Lucas Poulton/  
Elliot Jeffs
  - Year 10** Ruby Heath/  
Ellie Stewart
- Well done  
Design technology department

### Food and nutrition: bright sparks in Years 8 and 10



- Bailey Dayman (Year 7)
- Hannah Worthy (Year 8)
- Jessica Birtwistle (Year 9)

Well done  
Design Technology department

## Success for former pupil Frank Parker



Sometimes inspiration comes from close to home and shows us all what is possible.

I received an update from the mother of a boy who was in my form group and left Brockington College last year.

What an incredible young man! Parents beware the dirty washing ...

"Frank has completed his first year at the National College for Motorsport with Distinction, alongside the college course he has been working at Fortec, a Motorsport Team, competing in Euro Formula 3 traveling across Europe only coming back for me to do his washing!

In March, Frank started an apprenticeship application for Red Bull F1. It's a six stage process over three months and I'm so happy to tell you that today he took the call offering him the place! He's accepted it and will move to Bletchley over the summer ready to start on the 1 September. He is living his dream, hard work, determination and a sprinkle of focus really does pay off!"

Everyone at Brockington College wishes him the best and look forward to receiving 1,384 all expenses paid complimentary tickets for the Bahrain F1 Grand Prix in March 2025.

Mr Carr, Humanities department



## Area sports

Brockington produced some impressive team and individual performances at the Mid-Leicestershire Area athletics competition that took place on the 24 May at Saffron Lane.

Brockington had 22 Area Champions across the eight different age groups. The Year 7 boys' and Year 9 boys' relay teams were also victorious. Many more pupils won through to represent the Area at the County Sports.

In the age groups there were team wins for the Year 7 boys, Year 9 boys and Year 10 and 11 girls team. At Key Stage 3, Brockington finished in third place (429 points) only a few points behind winners Gartree High School (441 points) and second team, Wigston Academy (434 points).

At Key Stage 4, the under 17 boys finished second behind Beauchamp College and the girls finished first, narrowly beating Beauchamp by 3 points. Overall we tied equal first with Beauchamp (162 points).

### Area champions are shown below:

#### Year 7 Boys (u 13):

Harry Rainbow	1500m
Dylan Olley	discus
Dylan Payne	javelin
Oliver Harris	high jump
Ben Blaze	hurdles
Year 7	relay team

#### Year 7 Girls (U 13):

Natasha Tobin	javelin
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#### Year 8 Boys:

Luke Merrall	hurdles
Mackenzie Bloxham	1500m

#### Year 9 Boys:

Ellis Mc Bean	800m
Nate Mills	hurdles
Lachlan Finch	1500m
Blake Mackness	discus
Year 9	relay team

#### Year 9 Girls

Evie Clark	long jump
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#### Year 10 and 11 Boys

Eddie Bryan	800m
Charlie Combey	1500m
William Booth	hurdles
Joe Thorne	400m
Max Humphreys	long jump

#### Year 10 and 11 Girls

Ila Thompson	200m
Maddy Squires	1500m
Ruby Heath	300m
Molly Cattell	triple jump

Mr Platts, PE department

## County sports

The County Sports took place at Saffron Lane on Saturday 8 June. The conditions were atrocious with strong winds and heavy persistent rain throughout the day.

Despite the dreadful conditions, Brockington athletes were not deterred and produced some splendid performances. There were four County champions, two silver medallists and two bronze medallists.

Nate Mills led the way in the junior boys 80m hurdles leading from the front, Nate won the event easily by the finish. Joe Thorne also ran dominantly from start to finish to win the intermediate boys 400m with a time just short of the English schools qualifying time. Max Humphries and Oliver Harris also won their events in the intermediate boys long jump and Year 7 boys high jump. The full results of the team are shown below:

### County champions:

Nate Mills	80m hurdles	Joe Thorne	400m
Max Humphreys	long jump	Oliver Harris	high jump

### 2<sup>nd</sup> place:

Tom Gibbons	intermediate boys 400m	Ellis Mc Bean	junior boys 800m
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### 3<sup>rd</sup> Place:

Blake Mackness	junior boys discus	Alfie Jameson	Year 7 boys 100m
Ben Blaze	Year 7 hurdles		

### 4<sup>th</sup> place:

Charlie Combey	1500m intermediate boys	Lachlan Finch	1500m junior boys
Luke Merrall	80m hurdles junior boys	Zak Hiscott	200m Intermediate Boys
Natasha Tobin	Javelin Year 7 girls		

### 5<sup>th</sup> place

Harry Rainbow	1500m Year 7 boys	Ila Thompson	200m intermediate girls
Dylan Olley	discus Year 7 boys		

Well done and congratulations to all the athletes who have competed in competitions this year.

Mr Platts, PE department

## English schools selection

Two Brockington pupils have performed particularly well this year and have achieved qualifying times for the English Schools Athletics Championships that take in Birmingham in July.

Nate Mills achieved the qualifying time in the junior boys 80m hurdles and Josh Saunders achieved the qualifying time in the intermediate boys 400m hurdles.

Well done to both from all of the PE department

## Brockington sports day Tuesday 3 July

### Individual winners (Maximum of 36 points)

Plantagenet were victorious for the second year in succession, easily winning the second house, Tutor, by more than 150 points. Stuart finished just behind Tutor by a mere 10 points and Windsor finished fourth.

<b>Year 7 Girls</b> Molly Humphreys	<b><u>Victrix Ludorum</u></b> 32 points	<b>Year 7 Boys</b> Harry Rainbow	<b><u>Victor Ludorum</u></b> 35 points
<b>Year 8 Girls</b> Maisie Gibbons and Darcy Orgil	<b><u>Victrix Ludorum</u></b> 36 points	<b>Year 8 Boys</b> Luke Merrall	<b><u>Victor Ludorum</u></b> 34 points
<b>Year 9 Girls</b> Emma Harrison	<b><u>Victrix Ludorum</u></b> 35 points	<b>Year 9 Boys</b> Ellis McBean and Charlee Keen	<b><u>Victor Ludorum</u></b> 34 points

### Overall team results

1. <b>Plantagenet</b>	1457 points	2. Tutor	1290 points
3. <b>Stuart</b>	1280 points	4. Windsor	1218 points

Well done to all the competitors who took part in a great event. Mr Platts - Head of PE

## Workplace World Cup

On Thursday 6 June, Brockington College staff participated in the Workplace World Cup. The event had various different workplaces enter teams into the competition where teams took part in various sporting activities and games.

Brockington College finished in fourth place, after winning all of their matches in rounders, handball and volleyball. In addition to this, Alison Hardy also won an individual accolade for the pedal challenge clocking up the highest amount of rotations.



Well done all Mr Turner, ICT/Business Studies department

## Sports leaders at Brockington



The following pupils delivered a multi sports skills event on the morning of Friday 21 June to 282 Year 2 pupils from some of our feeder primary schools. They were amazing and demonstrated outstanding leadership skills when delivering the event.

### Year 9

Katie /Alicia /Evie /Emily /Eve /Charlotte /Celeste /Emma /Milly /Stevie /Kirsten /Laura /Holly B/Holly C /Lauren /Lachlan /Jacob /Harry /Lewis /Isaac /Ellis /Toby /Phoebe

### Year 10

Elliot /Zak /Antoine /Matt /Eddie /Jackson /Max /Maria /Anna /Ruby /Emily /Charlotte /Megan /Molly /Lila /Liberty /Neve /Poppy /Alice



Many visiting primary school teachers commented on their professionalism and enthusiasm. We would not be able to lead such events without these amazing students.

Ms Wyeth, PE department

## Performing arts

There is a wide range of instrumental tuition available at Brockington College, which is provided by a variety of expert private instrumental teachers. In most cases, your child will need to have their own instrument and bring it into school for lessons (with the obvious exception of drum kit and piano.) This means pupils are able to receive their instrumental lessons during the school day but all communication regarding the arrangements and payments are made directly between parents/carers and the instrumental/vocal teacher.

Lesson times are on a rota, so while pupils have lessons on the same day each week, the lessons are at a different time to avoid missing the same lessons regularly. All details of the provision we provide at Brockington can be found below. If you have any questions regarding instrumental/vocal tuition, please feel free to talk to or email Mrs Ward, curriculum team leader, performing arts via [sew@brockington.leics.sch.uk](mailto:sew@brockington.leics.sch.uk)

Instrument	Name of teacher	Contact details
Flute/piano	Ms Teresa Bexon	01455 239373   07791 456054   <a href="mailto:tjbmusic@talktalk.net">tjbmusic@talktalk.net</a>
Keyboard/piano	Mr Ian Maw	07980 010060   01530 560653   <a href="mailto:ianmaw@tiscali.co.uk">ianmaw@tiscali.co.uk</a>
Drums	Mr Adam Stringer	07941 549962   <a href="mailto:Adamstringermusic@hotmail.co.uk">Adamstringermusic@hotmail.co.uk</a>
Guitar (electric/bass/classical)	Mr Dave Jobson	07948 402728   <a href="mailto:davidmusicroom@gmail.com">davidmusicroom@gmail.com</a>
Singing	Ms Sarah Woodall	07866 015774   <a href="mailto:saz.woodall@ntlworld.com">saz.woodall@ntlworld.com</a>
Cello	Mrs Judith Matthews	07712 489591   <a href="mailto:jmcellist@gmail.com">jmcellist@gmail.com</a>
Bassoon	Ms Rebecca Wong	07888 368668   <a href="mailto:rebeccawong13@yahoo.co.uk">rebeccawong13@yahoo.co.uk</a>
Clarinet	Ms Christine Taylor	07802 664173   <a href="mailto:christineataylor@ntl.com">christineataylor@ntl.com</a>
Violin/viola	Ms Sally Smith	07799 492486   <a href="mailto:sasviolinviola@hotmail.co.uk">sasviolinviola@hotmail.co.uk</a>
Violin, flute, piano	Ms Alison Gates	<a href="mailto:ajprintmusic@hotmail.co.uk">ajprintmusic@hotmail.co.uk</a>
Music technology	South East Creative Arts	07545 848841   <a href="mailto:southeastcreativearts@gmail.com">southeastcreativearts@gmail.com</a>
Clarinet, saxophone, flute	Mr Patrick White	<a href="mailto:patrickwhitemusicteacher@hotmail.co.uk">patrickwhitemusicteacher@hotmail.co.uk</a>

### Performing arts rewards:

**Star :**

Sophia Jansons for fantastic Shakespeare work in drama.

**Rising Star:**

Luca Beech for commitment to extra-curricular activities and outstanding performance in Lord of the Flies.

Performing Arts department

## A night at the movies



On Thursday 27 June, the Brockington performing arts department transported an audience of around 100 people to a night at the movies! The whole concert was filled with lots of performances from many amazing and well-known movies such as Jurassic Park, Wallace and Gromit, Mamma Mia, Billy Elliot, Trolls, Lord of the Flies and Chariots of Fire.

A lot of hard work and effort went into putting this concert on stage and it's safe to say it was a great success! The level of talent from all of the pupils and staff that took part in this was truly amazing and highly praised by those who came to watch.

Mrs O'Hara, Performing Arts department



## Choral competition 2019

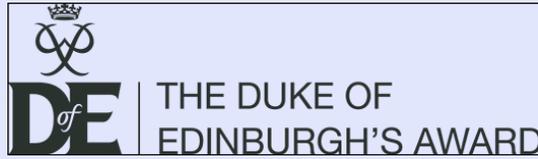
On Tuesday 2 July, Brockington's vocal group went to the Haymarket theatre to compete against three other secondary schools for the title of Leicestershire Schools Choir of the Year. The level of talent and professionalism from every school was amazing.

It was a very important occasion for the vocal group as it was the last performance with Mrs O'Hara. We sang "Electricity" from the Musical Billy Elliot and 'Shoshane Love Song' by Roger Emerson. These songs had great comments from the adjudicators and a full audience really enjoyed the evening. Overall, Lutterworth College came out on top but our vocal group are very proud of each other for a wonderful end to a great year!

Mrs O'Hara, Performing Arts department



## The Duke of Edinburgh Award



As I write, we have one group of Year 10s left to complete their qualifying expedition. This will take place over the first weekend in July. The first two assessed expeditions have gone extremely well with all 43 pupils passing this section of the award. The DoE Assessor has had a lot of praise for the teams that have been out trekking.

A lot of credit must also go to the Year 10 pupils for getting so many of the other three sections completed this year. There are 60 recorded completed sections so far, with many of the Year 10 group chasing up assessor's reports for the other sections that have finished but haven't been submitted. Congratulations to Todd Burrows who became the first person in the year group to complete all four sections of the award when he completed his expedition last weekend.

The Year 9 pupils have now had their opportunity to register for the course and we have a record uptake of 87 pupils. Hopefully they are already planning what they will be doing for their physical, skill and volunteering sections and will be using some of the summer holiday to get at least one of these started.

If you have any questions about the Duke of Edinburgh Award, then please email [dofe@brockington.leics.sch.uk](mailto:dofe@brockington.leics.sch.uk).

Mr Gardner, Duke of Edinburgh's Award Coordinator/PE department

## 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. Thank you.



## Collection and naming of lunch boxes

Could pupils please ensure that if they leave their lunch box on the table in the hall at lunch times, they remember to collect it before they go home at the end of the school day. If not collected on a Friday, the premises department will dispose of them.

Also, please make sure that all lunch boxes and water bottles are named. Thank you. Premises staff



## Emergency inhaler medication

We have a number of pupils in school that have been prescribed inhalers by their GP.

If, in the event of an asthma attack, you wish your child to be given an emergency inhaler, please would you complete the emergency consent form which is on the school website.

It is also important that:

- (a) pupils carry their inhalers with them at all times
- (b) inhalers are labelled with your child's name
- (c) expiry dates are checked regularly
- (d) you consider providing a spare inhaler to be kept in the first aid room
- (e) inhalers are taken by pupils to PE lessons (a small labelled container may help to prevent any loss of items)
- (f) inhalers are taken by pupils on any school trips.

If you would like further information or are unsure of procedures, please do not hesitate to ask  
Miss Brotherton, School Health Coordinator (0116 2863722)

## Updates to pupil health/medical conditions records

In order to keep Brockington medical records current, please inform the school of any changes regarding your child's health/medical conditions by contacting the school or Miss Brotherton (0116 2863722). Alternatively, an email can be sent to [admin@Brockington.Leics.sch.uk](mailto:admin@Brockington.Leics.sch.uk) or [klb@Brockington.Leics.sch.uk](mailto:klb@Brockington.Leics.sch.uk).

Thank you for your co-operation. Miss Brotherton, School Health Coordinator (0116 2863722)

## Risk assessments

Following an injury or a period of illness, your child may require a risk assessment prior to returning to school. Please call the School Health Co-ordinator to discuss this and if appropriate, to arrange an appointment for a risk assessment. This then ensures that all necessary health and safety measures are put in place to best support your child. Miss Brotherton, School Health Coordinator (0116 2863722)

## Returning to school after illness

Following an episode of vomiting or diarrhoea, please can we ask that your child does not return to school until they have had 24 hours free of any symptoms.

## Nut allergies

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.



## De Montfort University trip



Pupils in Year 9 and Year 10 spent an afternoon at De Montfort University (DMU) viewing the latest degree show in fashion, footwear and interior design.

Pupils gained a valuable insight into the possible career pathways that can stem from Design and Technology.

Once again the Brockington pupils were outstanding and thoroughly inspired with the collections and level of creativity!

Mrs Chauhan, Design and Technology department



## Engineering your future

On Monday 24 June, 14 Year 7 students attended a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) day at ITP Aero in Whetstone. ITP designs, manufactures and tests parts for the aerospace industry.



The pupils gained a valuable insight into the engineering world as well as receiving an insight into the cutting edge of engineering ITP Aero undertakes. Pupils' creativity was tested and they completed a number of challenges to show how exciting and rewarding engineering can be. The visit also included a tour of the ITP Aero facility, where pupils spoke to experts about what they do.

Mr Ogleby, Design and Technology department

## Year 11 GCSE art exhibition

The art department held another successful art exhibition on Thursday 13 June, celebrating the achievements and hard work of the Year 11 GCSE art students.

It was fantastic to see so many friends and relatives showing their support and admiring the work of the past two years. Well done all.

Mrs Wilson, Art department



## Brockington MasterChef

On Monday 17 June 16, excited Year 8 and 9 pupils took part in the Brockington house MasterChef. Each team was tasked with creating a two course menu for two people under £7 and every team rose to the challenge! The judges were treated to a wonderful mix of sweet and savoury delights including homemade pasta and profiteroles, and found it very hard to judge. In the end Stuart took first place with summer minestrone soup, followed by brownies and a curry with homemade naan and cheesecake to finish. Overall Seren Fitzgibbon and Georgina Palmer took the winning spot to compete at the South Leicestershire MasterChef with their delicious vegan burger and profiteroles.



## South Leicestershire MasterChef

Following on from a successful house competition, Brockington hosted the South Leicestershire MasterChef. Seven schools came together to compete and the standard of dishes produced by the pupils was incredible. Welland Park clinched the top spot with a mouth watering curry and tangy lemon meringue pie and Brockington's Seren and Georgina came second, doing the school proud.

Miss Leedham, Design and Technology department

## Action for change - The plastic problem

In PSHCE this term, we have been looking at the issue of plastic pollution and its impact on our environment.

As part of the module, Year 7 were asked to put into action ways to help reduce, reuse and recycle plastic waste at Brockington College.

Members of 7I have set up the BIC recycling scheme around college to encourage the recycling of broken and/or old pens.

Members of 7C are currently looking to set up a collection point for empty crisp packets which would then be recycled as part of the Walkers recycle scheme, after finding out that on average Walkers produces 7,000 crisp packets a minute and around 11 million packets a day.

Other forms have investigated how we can change some of the everyday products we use to a non plastic or reduced plastic version.

Click on the link below to find out alternative products you could use.  
<https://www.brockington.leics.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Make-the-Change.pdf>

Mrs Thorpe , PSHCE department



## Day to day banking

In June, Year 8 pupils were visited by financial advisors Evan Roberts and Celia Marshall from the St. James's Place Corporate Responsibility Team to complement their financial education within the PSHCE curriculum.

Pupils experienced a workshop entitled 'Day to day banking', where they explored their finances, bank accounts and the importance of budgeting and saving.

Pupils found the session very useful as you can see from their feedback.

Well done Year 8 and thank you to our knowledgeable visitors!

Ms Broadfield and Mrs Thorpe , PSHCE department



ST. JAMES'S PLACE  
WEALTH MANAGEMENT

### Financial Education Session – Brockington College

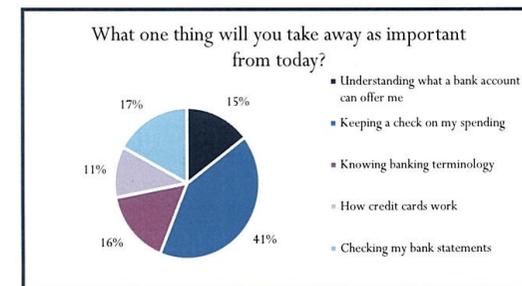
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#### YEAR 8 STUDENT FEEDBACK OVERVIEW

##### Module: Day to Day Banking

##### Key Stats

- 91% of students **enjoyed** the session.
- 94% of students feel they **know more about the general financial needs** they are about to face.
- 89% of students **would highly recommend** the session to other students.
- 89% of students feel they **know more about how to compare accounts** and make informed choices for their money



##### Students thought the best part of the session was:

- "I really enjoyed it and now I will be more active in checking and monitoring my spending"
- "I found the session where we learnt about credit and debit cards and how to use them really useful"
- "I enjoyed being given activities for us to try which related to real life scenarios"

**93%** of students feel they have improved their confidence about managing their finances.



St. James's Place Wealth Management Financial Education Programme

## Respect the water



As part of PSCHE this term, we have been discussing with pupils the dangers of open water and the risk they put themselves in, if they go in the water.

Jumping in to a river, reservoir or lake not only puts you at risk of catching some nasty bugs but puts you at risk of cold water shock:

- Fast decrease in body temperature
- GASP reflex (similar to hyperventilating) – risk of inhaling water and lungs becoming flooded
- Muscles can become uncoordinated or experience cramp - making it difficult to swim
- Irregular heartbeat - risk of cardiac arrest

To find out more on the risks of going into open water and what to do if you or someone else gets into trouble in open water visit: <https://www.respectthewater.com>

Mrs Thorpe, PSHCE department

I would like to introduce you to our **FREE** Careers, Jobs and Education magazine: 'Careers UK', which we would like to share with you and your students.



The magazine is aimed at GCSE, A-Level & College students to get them ready for further/higher education or entering the mainstream job market.

Please access the link below to find out more information

<https://www.careersuk.org/student-issue/>

## The 'Great Brockington Bake Off'

The 'Great Brockington Bake Off' took place on Monday 1 July. Several members of staff took part and baked wonderful cake creations.

The winning bakers were each presented with a certificate and are listed below:-

1. Emma Rudkin with a chocolate orange cake and was presented with a 'star baker apron'.
2. Christine Palmer-Smith with a coffee cake
3. Sam Elkins with a stout and chocolate cake

£113.00 was raised and will be given to LAMP, a mental health charity in Leicestershire: <https://www.lampadvocacy.co.uk/>

Many thanks to our bakers and cake eaters for all your kind donations.

Miss Leedham, Design Technology teacher



Winner Emma Rudkin



## Keeping Children Safe: Operation Encompass

Operation Encompass is an initiative that enhances communication between the police and schools, where a child is at risk from domestic abuse. The purpose of the information sharing is to ensure schools have more information to support the safeguarding of children. By knowing that the child has had this experience, the school is in a better position to understand and be supportive of the child's needs and possible behaviours.

Typically, when police attend an incident of domestic violence/abuse, the school will be informed first thing the next morning. By sharing this information parents affected by domestic abuse will know that they can approach the school.

If you wish to talk to school about the impact of a domestic violence situation on a child, or any other safeguarding concern, please call the school on (0116) 2863722 and ask to speak to a Designated Senior Lead for safeguarding.

Sue Lawrence  
Assistant Principal, Designated Senior Lead



### FACILITIES TO HIRE @ BROCKINGTON

Brockington College is a modern school with excellent facilities to accommodate most activities. We have a large hall with a stage, courtyard, sports hall, netball courts, drama and dance studios, classrooms, art & craft rooms, ICT suites, community lounge and a full size 3G pitch available for hire.

Suitable for parties, exercise classes, dance groups, fundraising events, sports clubs, meetings and conferences. Catering and bar facilities available on request.

We also offer complimentary wireless Internet access.

### CONTACT US FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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Email: [lettings@brockington.leics.sch.uk](mailto:lettings@brockington.leics.sch.uk)

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