



Achieving Excellence Together

GROBY COMMUNITY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

EQUALITIES AWARD FOR GROBY COMMUNITY COLLEGE - FIRST SCHOOL IN LEICESTERSHIRE!

Groby Community College has become the first school in Leicestershire to achieve a prestigious national award in recognition for its commitment to equality.

Like all public bodies, schools and colleges have a statutory duty to challenge inequality, foster good relations and tackle discrimination against individuals and groups irrespective of gender, disability and ethnicity. The EQualities Award pays tribute to those that go the extra mile to become equalities champions. To gain the award, which is recognised by Ofsted, staff and governors undertook a systematic review of the college's policies and practice and supplied a wide range of evidence which was independently assessed and verified.

The award was presented by Dr Chris Derrington, Director of the EQualities Award who said *'In our view, Groby Community College is a very worthy recipient of this award. The quality of the evidence provided in order to achieve the accreditation was truly outstanding and demonstrates a genuine determination on the part of staff and governors to challenge and overcome inequality, raise aspirations and prepare young people for the responsibilities and experiences of later life. The core values embodied within the college's motto 'Achieving Excellence Together' are communicated and reinforced in so many ways. Not surprisingly, this commitment to excellence and equality ensures that all students achieve well, regardless of their background or circumstances.*



Picture above from left to right: Groby Community College's Chair of Governors; Mrs Helen Brown and Dr Chris Derrington

For more information about the award go to www.equalitiesaward.co.uk

TOP SCHOOL AGAIN FOR AS GRAPHICS RESULTS!

A huge congratulations to Mr Lishman and Miss Cowley for achieving 3 Good Schools Guide Awards for Graphic Design.

These national awards are given annually to celebrate teaching excellence in individual subjects and are based on a number of factors including popularity and performance.

Over the last 3 years, Graphic Design has won 7 Good Schools Guide Awards. The awards received this year are for girls and boys studying at AS Level, and girls studying at A Level. A huge congratulations is also sent out to the students that study Graphic Design at Groby. Their hard work and dedication to the subject has been a credit to the college.



ARTSMARK GOLD AWARD!

Groby Community College has achieved Artsmark Gold status.

Artsmark is a nationally recognised programme for celebrating arts and cultural provision in schools and educational institutions. The scheme is run by Arts Council England and looks at music, dance, drama art and design, graphics and photography.

There are three levels of award, bronze, silver and gold and the college achieved gold status immediately which is an impressive achievement for all the staff and students at Groby.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to our second newsletter of this academic year.

I would like to thank all our students for the way that they have settled back into college over the last two months. Well done to Year 10 and 12 for an excellent start to their GCSE and A Level courses.

As you will have seen in the local press and on the front page, we were particularly pleased to achieve our Equalities Award during September. Thank you to Mrs Evans who worked hard to pull our application together. It is a real accolade to be the first school in Leicestershire to achieve recognition for working hard to make our college an equitable place to be.

Thank you to all our parents and carers who have been so supportive in our quest to make the campus safer by restricting the movement of cars at the end of the day. We have long been worried that the number of cars coming on site, along with additional buses, was not an ideal situation but with your support we now feel that students can move

on and off the campus in a safe manner. We continue to work with the local highways agency to ensure that the road is well managed in the future. Our plea as a campus is to always encourage, where possible, students to walk or cycle to and from college.

As we move towards the end of this term we will have the big events of Year 11 mock examinations as well as the whole college production of High School Musical. Both events require commitment and hard work. I would encourage all Year 11 students to begin thinking about their revision so that they get the best results they can to boost their confidence for next summer's exams.

For those students taking part in the productions for Christmas, good luck and thank you for giving that bit extra to life at the college.

Mr Coles, Principal



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SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Our college feels it is of the utmost importance to have good systems for protecting children and safeguarding their welfare throughout all the activities which the college undertakes. This means that staff and volunteers must be alert to possible concerns about every student, and to report these in a proper fashion. The college has a safeguarding and child protection policy which parents/carers can view on our website under the 'About Us' section 'Documents/Policies'.

It is important for parents to be aware that:

- Staff and volunteers in the college have a duty to report concerns about a child, whether this means the child may be in need of additional support or help of some kind or whether it is thought that a child may have been abused or be at risk of abuse.
- There are four categories of abuse: physical, sexual, emotional and neglect.
- In some cases the college is obliged to refer children to children's social care staff, for children to be assessed for their needs or if an investigation into possible child abuse is required. In many cases there will already have been discussions between college staff and the parents of the child, and the situation and concerns will not be a surprise to the parents. However, parents may not be told that the college has referred their child to children's social care if it is thought that this might put the child at risk.
- Children's social care tries to carry out its enquiries in a sensitive fashion. It has to gather information and generally it can be open with parents about the steps being taken.
- If you think your child may have been abused you should contact the children's social care office. If you think the abuse may have happened in college, contact the Principal or the Designated Senior Person for Child Protection, who is Mrs Evans, Assistant Principal. If you think your child has been hurt, arrange to visit your doctor. Comfort and reassure your child.
- If college staff need to express concerns about a child or refer a child to children's social care, it is understood that this can cause distress or anger for the child's parents.

For parents' enquiries please contact: **Mrs Evans, Assistant Principal**

A GLITTERING CELEBRATION OF STUDENT SUCCESS

On Thursday 18 September, former Year 11 and 13 students were recognised for their success, hard work and wider contribution to the college.

This was the third Annual Student Awards to be held at the college. It was a tremendous celebration as the college recognised not only the academic excellence of people such as Abbie Green, Alice Mallinder, Oliver Lawrence-Overy and Alex Bradley (the highest achieving students of their year), but also individuals who had overcome adversity to complete some outstanding GCSE, BTEC and A Level results.

The guest speaker for the evening was Mr Mike Rule; a former student and who is now a Governor of the college.

To view our gallery of pictures from the evening, please visit the college website.

The main award winners photos:



GCSE Top Achieving Girl - Abbie Green



GCSE Top Achieving Boy - Oliver Lawrence-Overy



A Level Top Achieving Boy - Alex Bradley



Most Improved Student - Krishan Mistry
(Sponsored by Mrs Di Robinson)



Extra Curricular winner - Lizzie Pye
(Sponsored by Mr Chris Hannaford)



Excellence in Sport - Hannah Cox
(Sponsored by Mr Martyn Thompson)



Bardon House winner
Mikki Scoutas



Beacon House winner
Danni Mantle



Post 16 Ambassador—Katie Randle
(Sponsored by Mrs Helen Brown)



Hall Trophy winner - Alex Bradley
(Sponsored by Ms Kathleen Hall)

A number of awards were given for the different subjects. These awards were presented by the Curriculum Leaders and members of our Senior Leadership Team who were proud to congratulate the students who had achieved the most in their subject areas.

EXAM & KEY ASSESSMENT CALENDAR 2014 - 15

The main exam period is 11 May 2015 - 24 June 2015 but other re-sit exams in Maths and English take place at other times of the college year as well. The timetable will change to accommodate preparation, revision and exam warm-up sessions. We have revision tips and sample revision timetables on our college website.

All the key controlled assessments, mocks and exam dates can be found on the college website:

www.grobyscoll.com

EXAM KEY DATES

8 - 12 December 2014:
Year 11 MOCK exam week

5 - 9 January 2015
Year 12 MOCK exam week

23 - 27 March 2015
Year 13 MOCK exam week

The Summer series starts on **Monday 11 May 2015** and ends **Wednesday 24 June 2015**

We would advise that **no holidays are booked** during this exams period

Note: Half Term week is Monday 25 to Friday 29 May 2015

Exam Certificates

Summer 2014 exam certificates will be available for collection from the Exams Office from **1 DECEMBER 2014**.

More colleges and employers are asking to see certificates prior to offering places/positions, therefore please don't forget to collect them.

Due to replacement costs we **DO NOT** post certificates – it is your responsibility to collect them from the college during reception opening hours of 8.15am – 4.15pm.

Also, do you have any relatives who are ex Groby Students? We hold certificates dating back to 2007! To obtain older certificates call or email allowing 48 hours for collection.

Mrs Poulton

Exams Officer

E: exams@grobyscoll.com



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

There was a career opportunity during the summer holiday for Oliver Talbot a current Year 12 student, who spent four days at Newcastle University and a further four at Plymouth University. The opportunity arose through the Smallpeice Trust which is an independent charitable trust which promotes engineering as a career, primarily through the provision of residential courses for young people aged 12 to 18.

Whilst at Newcastle Uni Oliver attended an Advanced Marine Technology Course and at Plymouth Uni he enjoyed a unique learning experience with a group of 39 students, aged 15 to 17 discovering what is involved in the creation and maintenance of many different types of ships including aircraft carriers, yachts, submarines and commercial ships. The courses are sponsored by Babcock and Lloyd's Register Foundation.

Oliver said it was a great opportunity to develop team building, communication, time management, problem solving and presentations. There were also some social activities including a film evening and a trip to the local bowling alley finishing with formal dinners – one at the National Marine Aquarium and the other at St James' Park with the supervisors and industry guests.

When Oliver met with Mr Coles recently he said that he hoped the experience would help him achieve his ambition of an apprenticeship with Rolls Royce and that they would support him with his degree course at university.



READING, WRITING, COMMUNICATION & MATHEMATICS

Miss Johal, Numeracy Co-ordinator
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Mrs Samantha Auger, Literacy Co-ordinator
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Update on RWCM projects so far this year

Students at Groby have already participated in numerous RWCM projects, many of which are new this year. These include:

- The introduction of a RWCM intervention group during tutor time
- Peer mentoring - post 16 students have been assisting in Maths lessons with students of all abilities
- Nutty Numvember a month long competition engaging students with a wide range of numeracy questions and a chance to win £15 Amazon vouchers
- Reading for pleasure being launched during tutor time
- Working with other schools to increase the profile of literacy and numeracy within our schools
- A visit from staff at Jaguar Land Rover has been scheduled for November. This has been arranged in

conjunction with the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Network with the aim of providing our students with examples of where a career in Mathematics can take you and also how to stay self motivated in a difficult and demanding industry.



Numeracy Quiz

Below are a couple of questions taken from the whole school Nutty Numvember competition. Can you answer these?

If the diameter of the earth is 12715.43km. Can you calculate the Surface Area of the Earth? Give your answer to 2 significant figures and in standard form.

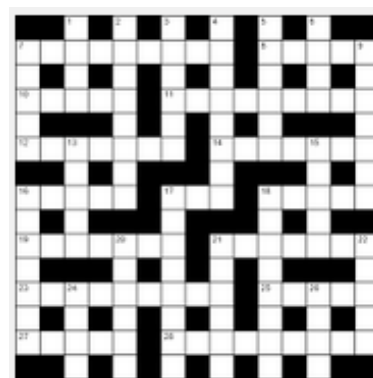


In scrabble, what 5 letter word(s) will give the highest possible score?

Answers given in the next newsletter.

Useful literacy and numeracy tips

- Make an estimation in Maths questions of what the answer should be—does your answer seem sensible?
- $54 \div 9 = ?$ Think of this question as $9 \times ? = 54$. Many students are stronger at multiplying than dividing
- Always show your workings - they help the teacher see where and why mistakes may be made



- Encourage your child to read formal text, this could be done by downloading a news app on their smart phone and be read by them daily
- Stay sharp with puzzles—do crosswords and puzzles to improve your literacy.

ARTSMARK GOLD STATUS

Story continued from the front page...

The application process looks at how the arts are integrated across the college and how students take ownership of their own learning. The arts are a particularly strong area within Groby and students are able to take a range of subjects, which were celebrated in our bid.

The college applied late last year and received a visit from an assessor at the beginning of this term. The verifier was extremely impressed with the college's provision and the choice students are given within the arts.

"The college has a highly inclusive curriculum policy with much freedom

of choice. Many students elect to study three or even four arts subjects."

The wider whole college ethos of developing creativity was particularly important in our application. The use of techniques from performing and visual arts to develop students' learning was a key area of our application and the verifier was extremely complimentary of the college's work in this area.

"The college is more than keen to embrace the 'creative curriculum', and the arts play a huge role in promoting this vision in other subjects."

"Students spoken to during the visit

genuinely feel that their views are seriously considered and implemented in all their arts subjects. These were particularly evident in Photography and Performing Arts."

I would like to thank the staff and especially the students who helped with our application during the verifier's visit. All students were a credit to the college and showed their passion and interest in the arts. The Artsmark award, particularly at the gold level, is a wonderful celebration of the students' dedication, talent and skill within all the arts subjects.

Mr Williams
Artsmark Co-ordinator and Subject Leader

WIN A KINDLE GRAND DRAW

In October we ran a **Read-tober** event in which students were encouraged to read as many books as possible, write a brief review of each book which then entitled the student to receive a raffle ticket. The prize was an amazing package with the main part being a Kindle Paperwhite and also a power adaptor, cover and a £25.00 Amazon voucher to kick-start the winners e-library. Many students participated with the premise that the more books read and reviewed, the greater chance of winning the prize with each raffle ticket received. A real buzz was created around this event and a special mention of the following students needs to be made as they read and reviewed several books but unfortunately didn't win:

Kira Betts, Isobel Hall, Emily Flude, Emily Jarvis, Sofia Marinos, Shreyan Mistry, Katherine Rushin and Evie Ward.

The actual draw was done at lunchtime on Friday 31 October at a **Halloween party** in the LRC. We had decorations, a spooky film and music and plates piled high with buns and cookies!

The winner was Victoria Prowse, (Year 13) pictured right with Mr Coles and myself.



NEXT EVENT IN THE LRC!

We are showing the hugely popular translation from book to film of **The Fault in Our Stars** at lunchtime on Thursday 13 and Friday 14 November. As Friday 14 is Children in Need day and as the film is relevant to the causes supported (teenage cancer), students will have the opportunity to donate an optional 50p. All monies raised will go to Children in Need. Free popcorn will also be provided on the Friday.

The LRC has so much to offer. Staff are always on hand to provide assistance and guidance regarding the full potential of the LRC and its resources. We have an extensive fiction and non-fiction section with many of the current popular releases and relevant textbooks for each subject studied. We have a **free** DVD rental library which is regularly updated with recent releases.



The LRC is essentially a quiet study area but it comes to life at break and lunchtimes when students have access to laptops, popular magazines, board games including the Leicestershire edition of Monopoly, a Careers library and a comfy beanbag reading area to relax and enjoy all the resources on offer. The film lunchtimes are very popular and as the term becomes more festive we will be showing a Christmas film. There are also plans to have a festive staff v students book and film quiz with prizes and mince pies!

Mrs Garnett, LRC Supervisor

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION



Show Dates and Start Times

Wednesday 10th Dec:- 7:30pm

Thursday 11th Dec:- 7:30pm

Friday 12th Dec:- 7:00pm

Saturday 13th Dec:- 2:30pm Matinee

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Adults £6, Concessions £4

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Good discount for bookings over 10 people!

For tickets e-mail:- rrayner@grobycoll.com

Or visit Performing Arts and ask a member of staff.

Performance dates: 10 - 13 December 2014

In aid of Groby Community College funds



KEEP TRACK OF ALL YOUR CHILD'S HOMEWORK AND DEADLINES



This service provides parents with an insight into the type of homework your child receives and how often it is set. More importantly, we hope it benefits your child by displaying all their homework and deadlines on one page, helping them to use their time more effectively and become more organised.

For parents who wish to take a more active role in their children's home learning, they can by having their own Show My Homework account. This allows parents/carers access to an overview of the homework set for their son/daughter in all their subject areas. We've given 'power' back to parents, they can now take a more proactive role in driving homework prioritisation, keeping tabs on homework without being intrusive. **Benefits for parents/carers:**

- No login required – to view the college homework calendar <https://groby.showmyhomework.co.uk>
- Easy to use - It only take a couple of clicks to see the homework timetable for your child.
- View anytime - You don't have to wait until they arrive home, find out if they have homework the moment a teacher sets it.

Please note that the college is only authorised to reset student passwords. Follow the link provided to reset parent/carer password.

If you require assistance using this service or would like to provide feedback, please do not hesitate to contact

Mrs Cornelius via email ccornelius@grobycoll.com

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

YOU CAN STILL APPLY FOR YEAR 10 ADMISSION AUGUST 2015

For more information and advice please contact **Mrs Lee** at the college:

0116 287 9921 xtn 286

FLEXIBLE LEARNING



Prince's Trust

The Prince's Trust xl club at Groby Community College.

"The club aims to provide a flexible alternative programme for young people by improving confidence and communication, developing enterprise and employability skills and by finding new ways of learning, including working as part of a small team"

On October 31st Prince's Trust students from both Years 10 and 11 hosted 4 groups of children (over 120 in all!) from Elizabeth Woodville Primary School as part of their Activities Day. This involved children from Years 3 - 6 visiting 4 different places around Groby and taking part in different activities and tours. The visit to the college included a look around the David Wilson Construction Centre to see some of the work produced by our students followed by a Halloween Scavenger hunt around our Forest School site and into Martinshaw woods. The children enjoyed exploring the woods and looking for spooky items such as "a twig shaped like a long, bony witches hand" and a "preserved goblins eye ball" (otherwise known as a conker!)



The students who took part were James Cole, Nicole Riley, Beth Mead, Maddy Boothby, Shauna Morgan (Year 10) and Charley Chander, Bhawik Champaneri, Toby Brennan, Louis Anderson and Ashlee Herbert (Year 11).

POPPY WALL



The picture above displays the texts and letters students from Groby Community College have written to soldiers and veterans in honour of remembrance.

Miss Hall



University of
Leicester

LEICESTER UNIVERSITY SHAKESPEARE TRIP

In October twelve Year 13 English Language and Literature students attended a workshop hosted by Leicester University called 'Speaking and Feeling in Shakespeare'. This was an interactive event where students were required to contribute to the discussion and then put some of their ideas in to action in mini performances. Students had to think on their feet and be creative in their ideas as they directed actors and then themselves. Our students were a credit to the college with three of the organisers seeking me out to praise their contributions, confidence and willingness to get involved. The trip was the perfect start to writing their coursework on the *Merchant of Venice*.

Students also got a taste of university life through the workshop style employed by Renaissance Literature lecturer Dr Mary Lund and the actors supporting her from 1623 Theatre Company. They were also spoken to by two current students at the university who explained what studying English at university is like. **Mrs Auger, Lead Teacher for English Literature**

YEAR 10 GEOGRAPHY SHANTY TOWN MODELS AND CAKES

Mr Kimber's Year 10 Geography classes homework was shanty town models and cakes.

Students got the opportunity to be creative in their homework with spectacular and very tasty results!

Tasks like this help students to remember what they have learned in class. **Mr Kimber, Curriculum Leader for Humanities**



LAUNCH OF THE HIGHER ABILITY WEBSITE

The Higher Ability website allows students in Year 10 to Year 13 to view the support and enrichment opportunities available at the college. It can be accessed via our college website under Post 16, Oxford and Cambridge early entry page or directly using the following link; <http://higherability-groby.weebly.com>

The website contains information on:

- Applying to Cambridge and Oxford University
- Medical Sciences
- Support and trips at Key Stages 4 and 5.
- Guidance material for work experience, interviews and personal statements.



For more information on what we offer as part of the Higher Ability programme at Groby, please contact **Mr Mark Ryman**.



REWARDING KEY STAGE 4 STUDENTS

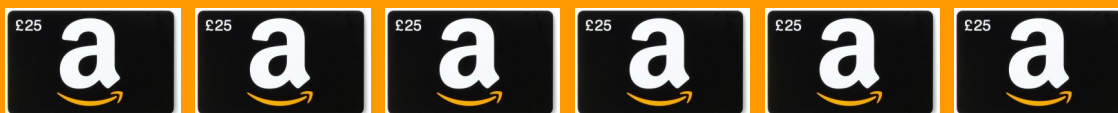


Following consultation with the House Councils at the end of last year we reviewed our systems for rewarding student effort/achievements and decided to launch a new system of Reward Points to build on the success of the 'Outstanding' certificates that were introduced last year.

How can I get Reward Points?

1 REWARD POINT	For an impressive effort in a lesson, sporting event or piece of homework
2 REWARD POINTS	For any postcard issued
3 REWARD POINTS (CREDIT)	For an impressive effort over a period of time (at least a week)
5 REWARD POINTS (COMMENDATION)	For an extended piece of work

Each Half Term: WIN AN AMAZON VOUCHER!



The names of the 10 students with the greatest number of Reward Points in each House will be put into a hat and the winner from each house will receive a £25 Amazon voucher.

Each Term Certificates will be awarded for:

- **Outstanding Attendance:** 100%
- **Outstanding Attitude to Learning:** 1s for effort in all subjects on latest reports
- **Outstanding Behaviour:** No behaviour sanctions
- **Outstanding Progress:** On or above target grade in all subjects on latest reports



All students who achieve 3 or more outstanding certificates in any one term will receive a Principal's Award. Their names will be put into a hat and the winner will receive a £50 Amazon Voucher!!!!

6,741 Reward Points were issued during the first half of the autumn term, 3,256 to Year 10 students and 3,485 to Year 11 students.

	Total Reward Points		YEAR 10		YEAR 11	
BARDON	1,640	3rd	770	4th	870	2nd
BEACON	1,626	4th	798	3rd	828	4th
BIRCH	1,710	2nd	866	1st	844	3rd
BROOMBRIGGS	1,763	1st	820	2nd	943	1st

The names of the students with the 10 highest number of Reward Points in each House were read out in House assemblies and are also displayed on our KS4 Student Achievement board.

BARDON

Hope Trigg 11BaBt (x36), Rowan Taylor 11BaBg (x35), Megan Rowley 10BaWr (x31), Eleanor Flude 11BaWr (x28), Madison Boothby 10BaBt (x27), Hallam Walker 10Balv (x27), Ellie Spencer 11BaSh (x25), Hannah Rousseau 10BaBg (x24), Brooke Holland 10Balv (x23), Ellie Booth 10BaBt (x23)

BEACON

Rebecca Wood 11BeTr (x30), Alexander Wallace 10BeTr (x29), Taylor Gilbert 11BeRy (x29), Joshua Colledge 10BeWe (x25), Joel Arthur 10BeTr (x25), Fran South 10BeTr (x25), George Cardinale-Howard 11BeSf (x25), Chelsie Lee 10BeHa (x22), Danny Bray 11BeSf (x22), Sean Wilson 11BeSf (x22)

BIRCH

Luke Woolliscroft 10BiVa (x32), Amijah Wells-Francis 10BiBr (x27), Emily Woodall 11BiSr (x27), Beth Mead 10BiMm (x26), Mollie-Jayne Herbert 11BiMm (x26), Kelsey Doherty-Jackson 10BiPa (x26), Dylan Turner 11BiSr (x25), Toby Brennan 11BiVa (x25), Lucy Tolton 10BiSr (x24), Georgia Phillips 10 BiPa (x24), Daniel Earl 10BiSr (x24), Hannah Clarke 10BiTe (x24)

BROOMBRIGGS

Jade Smith 10BrRa (x38), Aimee Williams 11BrVr (x38), Sophie Hall 10BrRa (x34), Megan Herbert 10BrRa (x33), Liberte Alonzo 11BrLi (x33), Chantelle Chapman 10BrLs (x30), Sian Coaton 11BrLi (x30), Cameron Haines 10BrLs (x29), Ellie Jones 11BrLs (x28), Jordan Culley 10BrVr (x27), Jessica Mann 11BrWi (x27)

There was a House draw from these names for the winner of a £25 Amazon voucher

BARDON:

Ellie Spencer 11BaSh

BEACON:

Alexander Wallace 10BeTr

BIRCH:

Dylan Turner 11BiSr

BROOMBRIGGS:

Liberte Alonzo 11BrLi

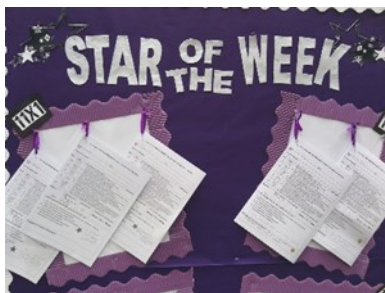
Well done to all students!

ENGLISH, FILM AND MEDIA

English teachers have been focusing on their environment for learning this term, developing a number of innovative and engaging ways to support students. From intricately designed term trees to promote use of sophisticated terminology to interactive discourse marker and vocabulary cards, all classrooms have been updated to reflect current topics of study.



As well as supporting students to progress well, we also understand the importance of celebrating achievement at all ability levels with 'Star of the Week' displays, mini achievement trophies and



'Lightbulb Moments' being used to recognise outstanding learning.



Year 11 students interested in taking one of our A level subjects are encouraged to talk to subject leaders to find out more information and pick up a reading list! Even if you came to the Post 16 open evening, there may still be questions you would like answered, so pop into English for a chat. Miss Nolan is subject leader for Literature, Miss Ross for Language and Literature and Mr Male for Media.

Mrs Bellamy
Head of Faculty: English, Film and Media



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Bosworth Academy 11 - 19 Desford



St Martin's VAC 11 - 16 Stoke Golding



Brookvale High School 11 - 14 Groby



Groby Community College 14 - 19 Groby



South Charnwood High School 11 - 16 Markfield



Winstanley Community College 11 - 16 Braunstone



CAREERS BULLETIN

Thinking about your career plans? In need of:

- Information? **I**
- Advice? **A**
- Guidance? **G**



Pictured right is your
IAG Co-ordinator here
at Groby:
Mr Brentnall
(You can find him
in the Science area)

KEY DATES / EVENTS FOR YEAR 11 STUDENTS

Interview Techniques Day: Thursday 20 November



The Mock Interview: Students will be interviewed by a local businessperson who has volunteered their time to help you. The mock interview will give you the opportunity to practice before you have one in real life.

University Experience Day: Friday 28 November

The trip is designed for students who we believe have the potential to thrive at university and who may be considering this pathway beyond Post 16. The day will include a range of interactive workshops and students will have the opportunity to talk with current undergraduates on what life is like at university.



Online Application for Further Education /Post 16 Courses

During November all Year 11 students will be guided (in their Life Skills lessons) to submit an application via UCAS Progress for their choice of further education, whether it be for A levels, vocational courses or apprenticeships.

Applications to Groby College Post 16

In addition to the online application via UCAS progress, students wishing to apply to Post 16 will be given guidance by the Post 16 staff team during life skills lessons. They will be issued with a prospectus and a subject choices form to complete. The deadline for these applications is **Friday 12 December**.



**Your independent careers advisor
(employed by LEBC) is:
Fay Wilson**

Unsure about your career path?
To make an appointment to see Fay,
please enquire at Reception

Careers Guidance

If students are unsure of their plans for when they finish their GCSE/BTEC courses in the summer, they can request to see our careers advisor, Fay Wilson. Fay will provide completely impartial advice about possible careers paths and subject choices for all further education and training establishments.

NEW GUIDELINES RE HOLIDAY TAKEN IN TERM TIME

New government guidelines, which came into effect on 1 September 2013, prevent Headteachers from granting any leave of absence during term time, unless there are exceptional circumstances. A family holiday during term-time does not fall under the category of 'exceptional circumstances' and we are therefore unable to grant leave of absence for a family holiday request.

Should parents disregard this decision and the student has absences recorded as a result of an unauthorised family holiday, Leicestershire County Council will be advised of this matter and will be requested to issue Penalty Notices in line with their policy.

PARENTS/CARERS' FORUM

Groby Community College hold parents/carers forums to support all parties through their child's time at the college.

The second session will take place at the college in the Learning Resource Centre on:

Wednesday 4 February 2015 6.00pm - 7.00pm

More information and dates for future meetings can be found on the college calendar at the college website:

www.grobycoll.com

If you would be interested in joining us but could not attend the first meeting

please contact Mrs Anderson: canderson@grobycoll.com

Facilities for Hire

Groby Community College has an excellent range of facilities that are not only used by the students and staff, but by members of the public as well. These facilities can be hired, at very reasonable rates.

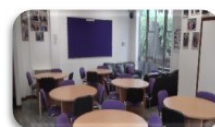
The facilities are available after-school, weekends and school holiday periods. Facilities can be hired on an ad-hoc basis or as repeat bookings.

Hirers may benefit from the large range of sports facilities we can offer along with a selection of multi-purpose rooms.

Groby Community College is happy to host all sorts of occasions from private parties, weddings, conferences, tournaments, dance performances and fun days!

- We can provide a fully licensed bar.
- Free access to Wi-Fi.
- Free on site parking.

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TRAFFIC SAFETY ON CAMPUS

Dear Parents and Carers

For safety reasons please be aware that visitors are not permitted to drive onto campus to collect students at the end of the day until 3.25pm when the buses have departed.

As a campus we want to encourage all parents and carers to consider the alternative for transport to and from Brookvale or Groby. Could your son or daughter walk, cycle or travel by bus?

If you do need to collect your son or daughter by car before 3.25pm please arrange to pick them up off site. If you are picking up offsite then please have consideration for residents, pedestrians and other road users.

Please contact the relevant school/college in advance if there is a particular reason why your son or daughter needs to be picked up on site, such as disability or special needs.

Please be assured that we are doing all we can to make this campus as safe as possible for everyone. Restricting traffic movement on and off the campus during the busy end of the day is essential for us to secure the health and safety of every student.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Yours sincerely

Robert Coles
Principal
Groby Community College

Katie Rush
Headteacher
Brookvale High School



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PE NEWS



U15/U16 Football (U16 team photo above left)

The U16 football team went out of the ESFA National Cup 6-5 on penalties to Kirk Hallam College, Amber Valley after a 1-1 draw. Charley Morton scoring Groby's goal. They also lost a close league game with Bosworth Academy 2-1, with Charley Morton again on the score sheet. Goal keeper Miles Price was outstanding. The U15's lost a high-scoring game in the league to Bosworth Academy. Despite taking the lead several teams, Groby lost 6-5.



U16 Netball (team photo above right)

The U16 Netball team have made an impressive start to the season with a 14-1 win against William Bradford. We hope this winning streak continues when we play Bosworth Academy w/c 17 November.

U19 Football

The U19 football team have made a strong start to the season despite being knocked out of the 1st round of the ESFA National Cup by Longslade in a 3-1 home defeat. Josh Mason scored Groby's consolation goal. Two excellent performances in the Leicestershire County Cup have taken us into the semi-finals. Groby hosted De Lisle in the 1st round and finished 12-2 victors.

Alex Kent ran riot, scoring 8 goals, with Josh Woolman, Tom McGlinchey, Joe Norton and Ali Maimoon picking up a goal apiece. Groby were then drawn away to Gateway College in the next round. In front of a partisan home crowd, a tense first half finished goalless and Groby's defence kept them in the game, with Jordan Waite and Ellis Bushnell marshalling Gateway's attack. Josh Woolman opened Groby's account shortly after half-time finishing a neat move involving Kyle Morrish and Alex Kent. Joe Swain extended the lead with a well-taken penalty and Tom McGlinchey concluded the scoring from a direct free-kick. The semi-finals will be drawn shortly.

U16 Rugby



The U16 rugby team opened their account with a hard fought 24-22 win away at The Martin High School, Anstey. Harry Johnson was the star of the show, running in 3 tries and kicking 2 conversions. Cameron Oldershaw scored Groby's other try after concerted forward pressure. Captain Oliver Bee was excellent throughout and has also been selected for the Leicestershire U16 County Squad.

Cross-Country

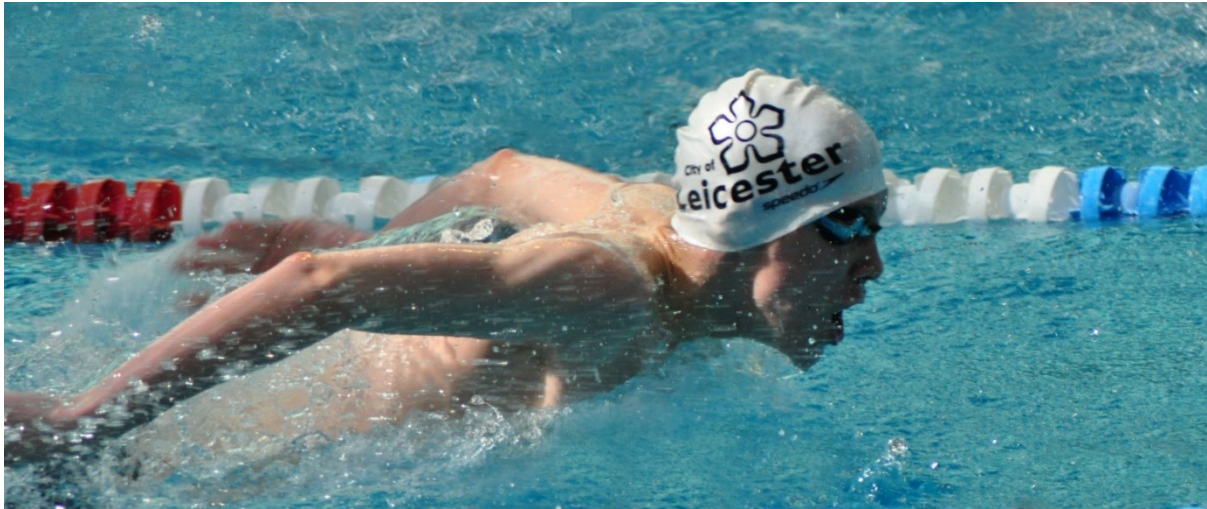
Alex Percy has made a fantastic start to the year, winning both Senior boys races in the Leicestershire Schools Cross-Country League. Hannah Cox continued her excellent form from last year, coming 2nd in the Senior girls race held here at Groby.

The Intermediate boys team sit top of the standings after two races – Pascal Bouttier-Butler has led the way with two top 5 finishes, ably supported by Luke Berryman, Nick Wilson and Tom Jackson.

The next race is at Lutterworth on November 15th 2014.

Mr Lord,
PE Subject Leader

LEWIS KERROD ENGLAND TALENT PROGRAMME



Lewis Kerrod; current year 10 student; pictured above, is a serious swimmer and trains a massive amount of time including 3 early mornings. He has had a terrific season with 3 national events and 3 relay team events at the British championships July/August 2014. These swims have led to him being **ranked in England as 2nd for 100m butterfly and 3rd for 1500m.**

The ASA select swimmers on their performance and rankings to join the England Talent development programme. As a top 3 English swimmer Lewis has been invited to join this programme. He will initially attend an Amateur swimming association (ASA) England programmes education and development day (EPEDD) on 2 November 2014. These events form part of the overall approach to the development of the swimmer pathway in England. On the day he will take part in a number of sessions which will aim to assist the development of skill and knowledge which the ASA believe to be critical to performance swimming.

Well done Lewis, this is a testament to your determination and hard work!

HANNAH COX



After a busy summer of orienteering, Hannah Cox, year 12 student, competed for Great Britain in the Junior European Cup in Belgium at the start of October (see picture above). Hannah came 7th in the W18 category of the sprint, putting her track and road running experience into good use, and was the top performing British runner across all age groups.

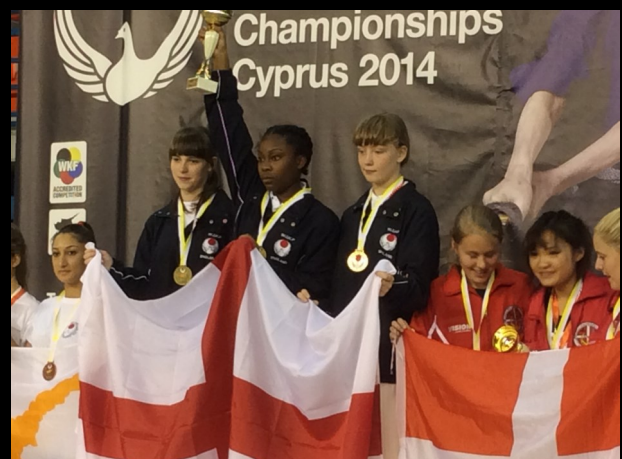
Hannah followed this up with an 8th placed finish in the relay races, after finishing 3rd at the end of her leg.

You can also hear an interview from Hannah whilst competing in Belgium by using the following website link:

<http://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/>

Well done to Hannah on your continued success!

LUCY WHITFIELD



Lucy Whitfield, 2013 WIKF Karate World Champion in the Kata, competed in the 17th WIKF European Karate Championship in Nicosia, Cyprus at the start of October. Lucy picked up the silver medal in the Kata and followed that up with a gold medal in the team individual fighting.

Lucy is on the left in the picture above wearing her GOLD medal!

Well done Lucy on both medals, fantastic achievement!

KEY DIARY DATES FOR AUTUMN & SPRING 2014 - 15

MONDAY 20 - FRIDAY 24 OCTOBER • MID TERM BREAK

- Thursday 6 November • Post 16 Open Evening 6pm - 8pm
- Tuesday 18 November • Year 13 Subject Reports afternoon/evening 4pm - 7pm
- Monday 1 December • Year 11 full reports issued
- Monday 8 December • Year 10 & 13 interim reports issued
- Monday 8 - Friday 12 December • Year 11 MOCK exam week
- Wednesday 10 - Saturday 13 December • Christmas Show
- Friday 19 December • College closes at 1.20pm in line with Brookvale High School

MONDAY 22 DECEMBER - FRIDAY 2 JANUARY • CHRISTMAS BREAK

- Monday 5 January • College open (This is **NOT** a Teacher day; **ALL STUDENTS to attend as normal**)
- Monday 5 - Friday 9 January • Year 12 MOCK week
- Thursday 22 January • Year 11 Subject Reports afternoon/evening 3.45pm - 7.15pm
- Wednesday 4 February • Parents/Carers' Forum 6pm - 7pm
- Monday 9 February • Year 10, 11 & 13 interim reports issued
- Thursday 12 February • Year 12 Subject Reports afternoon/evening 4pm - 7pm

MONDAY 16 - FRIDAY 20 FEBRUARY • MID TERM BREAK

- Monday 23 February • College open
- Tuesday 3 March • Year 11 Faculty / Exam revision evening 6.30pm - 8.00pm
- Monday 16 March • Year 12 full reports issued
- Thursday 17 March • Year 10 Subject reports afternoon/evening 3.45pm - 7.15pm
- Thursday 19 March • Year 11 & 13 group leavers photos
- Monday 23 March • Year 10 & 11 interim reports issued
- Monday 23 - Friday 27 March • Year 13 MOCK exam week

MONDAY 30 MARCH - FRIDAY 10 APRIL • EASTER BREAK

SUMMER TERM DATES 2014 - 15

Open	Monday 13 April 2015
May Day	Monday 4 May 2015 (College closed)
Mid-Term Break	Monday 25 to Friday 29 May 2015
Close	Friday 10 July 2015 (1.20pm finish in line with Brookvale)

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