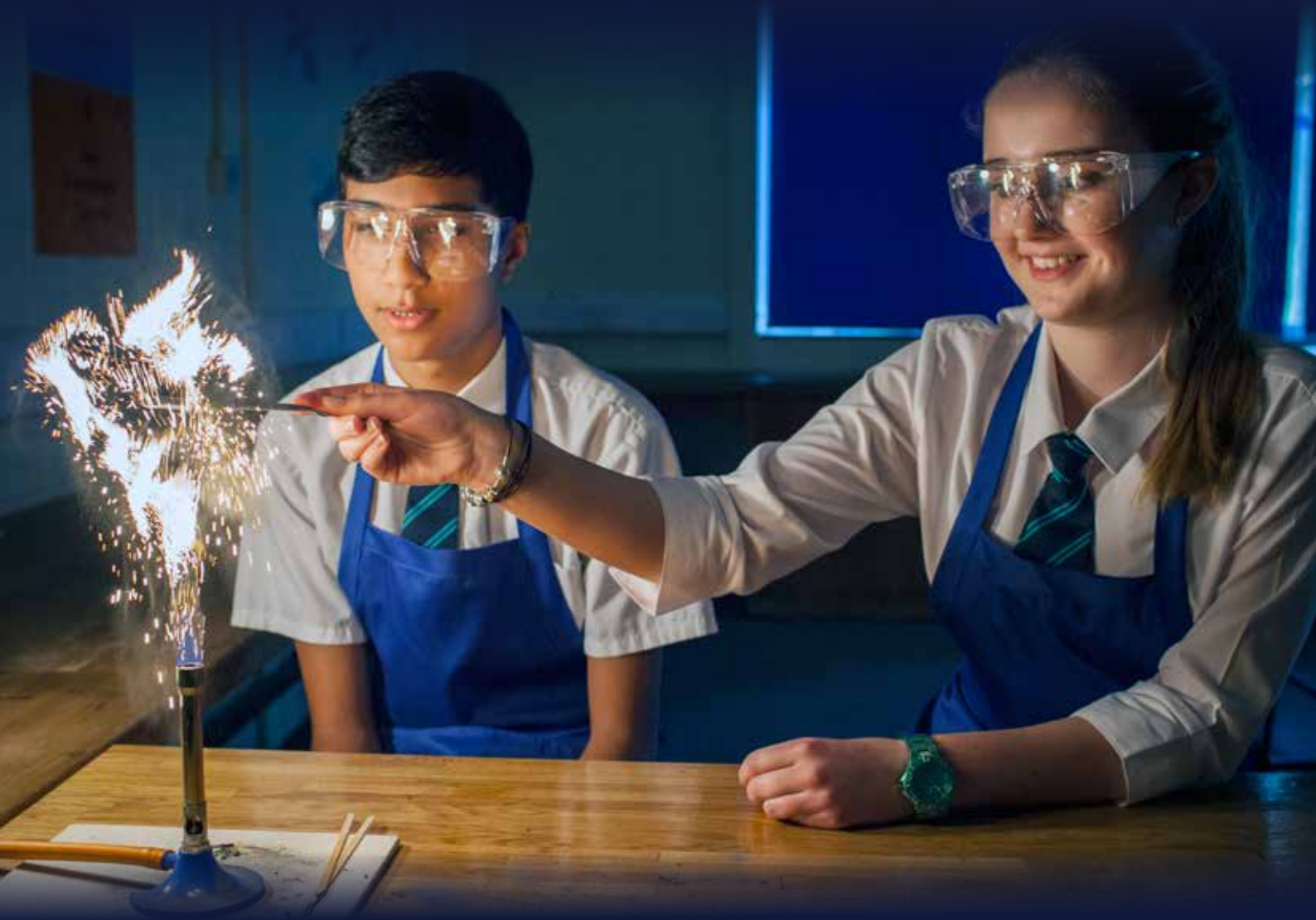


# PROSPECTUS 2015 – 2017



**GROBY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
Achieving Excellence Together

# WELCOME TO THE BROOKVALE GROBY LEARNING CAMPUS

Achieving Excellence Together 11-19



Welcome to the Brookvale Groby Learning Campus, comprising of Brookvale High School (11-14) and Groby Community College (14-19).

**Our campus is the most successful high and upper school combination in Leicestershire, as judged by Ofsted.**

The Brookvale Groby Learning Campus is unique in terms of providing entry points at the start of year 7, 10 and 12, and we work as one in order to secure outstanding outcomes at all key stages.

For a better understanding of our campus and what we offer the details of Open Evenings can be found at:

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T: 0116 287 6914

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# GROBY COMMUNITY COLLEGE



At Groby Community College, our motto is 'Achieving Excellence Together' by working in partnership with our students, families and the community to build an outstanding 14-19 college on the Brookvale-Groby Learning Campus. The college has a long tradition of excellent attainment at both GCSE and A Level.

We believe in the following:

- a single minded focus on outcomes for all young people.
- an outstanding college at the heart of the community.
- high challenge, high expectations and high support for all.
- an outstanding, creative learning environment which engages and motivates all members.
- outward facing and working in partnership to achieve excellence for all students 11-19.

**"This is a good school"**  
Ofsted 2013

**Robert Coles**  
Principal



# ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE TOGETHER

Grobby Community College has a strong reputation for student achievement. We take great pride in providing a broad and balanced curriculum including all of the English Baccalaureate subjects (English, Maths, Double Science, choice of three Languages, History or Geography). We value creativity and have a large and highly successful Art, Design Technology and Performing Arts curriculum.

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**“Students make good progress across a wide range of subjects. They make exceptional progress in English.”**  
Ofsted 2013



# OUR CURRICULUM

**“Teaching is good and much is outstanding.”**  
Ofsted 2013

## THE CORE CURRICULUM

- English Language (GCSE)
- English Literature (GCSE)
- Maths (GCSE) - plus GCSE Further Maths for the most able
- Science (2 GCSEs)
- Life Skills including Religious Studies
- PE
- E.Bacc subject (1 GCSE); Computing, Triple Science, History, Geography, French, German or Spanish

## THE OPTIONS

The vast majority of students choose a further three option subjects from the following:

- Art (GCSE)
  - Business Studies (GCSE)
  - Computer Science (GCSE)
  - Dance (BTEC)
  - Drama (GCSE)
  - Food Technology (GCSE)
  - French (GCSE)
  - Geography (GCSE)
  - German (GCSE)
  - Graphics (GCSE)
  - Health & Social Care (BTEC)
  - History (GCSE)
  - Hospitality & Food (BTEC)
  - ICT (OCR National)
  - Media Studies (GCSE)
  - Music (GCSE)
  - Performing Arts (GCSE)
  - PE (GCSE)
  - Product Design (GCSE)
  - Spanish (GCSE)
  - Sport (BTEC)
  - Textiles (GCSE)
  - Triple Science (GCSE)
- NB Triple Science combines with Science in the core to provide separate GCSEs in Biology, Chemistry and Physics



**92% of parents agree that their child is taught well**

**98% of parents agree that their child is happy at the college**





# WORKING TOGETHER

**“The students look very smart in their uniforms. The school environment is pleasant, fresh and clean. We are very happy with the school.”**

**“Teachers encourage all pupils whatever their ability to do their best.”**

Parent

Partnership with parents and carers remains the biggest factor in a child's success. Working in partnership with the college is essential. In particular:

- keeping open good lines of communication
- keeping you regularly informed about your child's progress and any other issues affecting their education
- regular face to face contact with your child's tutors and teachers throughout their studies

**“Something I've always enjoyed about studying here is the atmosphere; everyone is so welcoming! The students and staff are friendly, and help is always close at hand.”**

Student

Our work across the 11-19 Brookvale-Groby Learning Campus provides an exciting and dynamic partnership with Brookvale High School.

As a campus we believe:

- in working with the feeder primary schools so that all learners make the maximum progress possible throughout their school career.
- in our teaching teams working closely together across the schools to ensure that we share best practice.
- that the progress of each student is tracked carefully across the 11-19 age range
- in open communication between the schools in order to support the transition of each student so that our commitment to continuous care across the age range can be achieved.



**“Students are actively encouraged to fulfil and maximise their potential.”** Parent

# VALUING EVERYONE



Groby Community College ensures that all students are valued in a safe, secure and happy environment. We want each and every one to flourish and succeed in a learning environment where student wellbeing is a high priority.

Caring for our students is essential if they are to achieve their potential:

- Our House system creates a 'small school' feel to the college and encourages a sense of belonging
- Tutors provide care and support on a daily basis as well as a single point of contact for all families

- A dedicated student support from our Student Wellbeing Team
- Special Educational Needs support in lessons from our Learning Support Team
- Bullying and harassment, in any form, is unacceptable
- Challenge and support for our most able in every subject and from our Higher Attainment Coordinator including help with applications for the best universities
- Extensive careers guidance at Pre and Post 16
- Student voice is used at every opportunity in order to improve what the college does.

**“Students enjoy being at college and behave well. They take part enthusiastically in lessons and treat each other with respect.”**

Ofsted 2013



**“The choices available both within school and after i.e. Performing Arts nights, gives students confidence and is a great way for them to express themselves.”**  
Parent



Enriching the curriculum through extra-curricular activities is what makes the Groby Community College experience so special.

- Sports teams and Sports Leaders
- Music and drama productions
- Youth Theatre
- Trips and residentials
- Student leadership groups
- Work experience in Year 10
- Amnesty International
- Christian Society
- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Young Enterprise



# CREATIVE, ENRICHING & ENGAGING



# HIGH CHALLENGE

## POST 16 EDUCATION

Grobby Community College has a thriving and highly successful Post 16 centre. In 2013 our Post 16 centre was the highest performing school in Leicestershire at A\*-A and A\*-B at A Level.

By 2017 all students are expected to stay in education or employment with training until they are 18. Students are given detailed help and support as they choose the correct pathway for their Post 16 education.

### THE A LEVEL CURRICULUM

• Art • Biology • Business Studies • Chemistry • Design (3D Products) • English Language & Literature • English Literature • Extended Project • Film Studies • French • German • Geography • Graphics • BTEC in Health and Social Care • History • ICT (Applied) • Maths & Further Maths • Music • PE • BTEC certificate award in Performing Arts • Photography • Physics • Psychology • Science (Applied) • Sociology • Spanish • BTEC Sport • Textiles

### ENRICHMENT

The wide range of opportunities offered are intended to give students the opportunity to develop the skills and experience which help them to achieve success once they leave. There are many opportunities available for students to get involved in college and community life including Duke of Edinburgh Award (Silver), Sports Leader Award, Young Enterprise, mentoring, charity work and lots more.



**“The College provides a good healthy environment and an enjoyable atmosphere. It seems to be a great place to learn and staff are very willing to help.”**

Parent

Ofsted 2013:  
**“Senior leaders and governors have high expectations in all aspects of college life. They are uncompromising in their commitment to ‘Achieving Excellence Together’ and this vision is shared by staff and students.”**

Ofsted 2013:  
**“Behaviour in the sixth form is outstanding. Students are highly motivated, mature and set an excellent role model for younger students.”**

**“Grobby Community College is a fantastic place to study both GCSE and A levels, there is a strong sense of community in the college and the staff are very helpful, approachable and go above and beyond to help students to achieve their potential.”**

Student





# HIGH EXPECTATIONS

At Groby Community College we are committed to providing the very best for our students and their parents. In return, we request and expect a similar level of commitment.

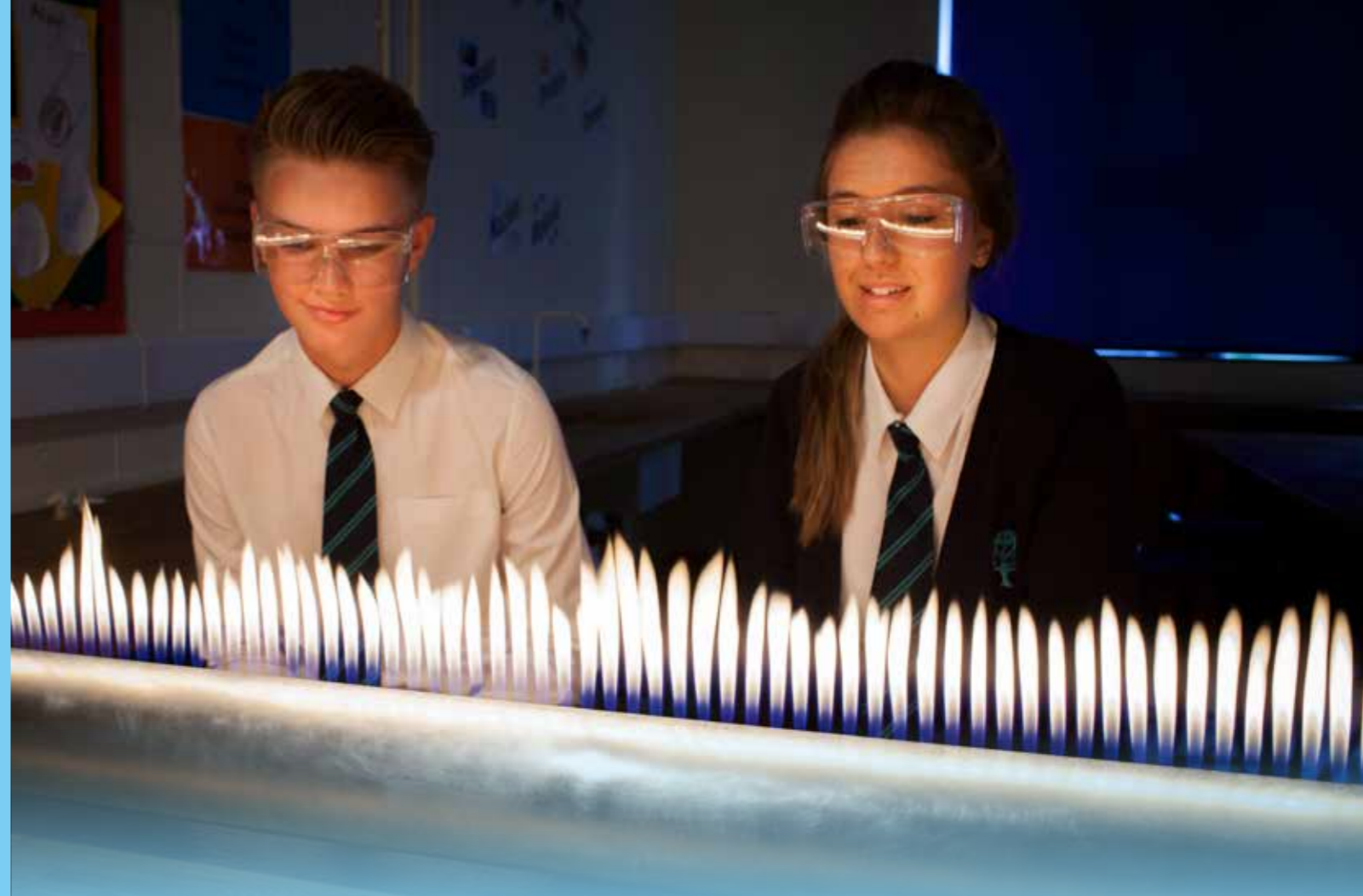
**“Students behave in a supportive, mature and responsible manner.”**

**“Students have very positive attitudes to their learning.”**

Ofsted 2013

**“I like how the school has the ability to engage, understand and motivate my very active child!”**

Parent



**98% of parents agree their child feels safe at the college**

**98% of parents agree that their child is well looked after at the college**

**96% of parents would recommend Groby Community College to another parent**

#### **Behaviour**

- Clear expectations based on a firm and fair system which supports every student to be free to learn

#### **Uniform**

- All students wear full uniform (except Post 16)

#### **Ready to learn**

- All students are expected to bring the correct equipment to every lesson and exam (including full PE kit)

#### **Attendance and punctuality**

- Good attendance is the key to attainment and success. Students are expected to be on time for college and for all lessons. Holidays in term time are not authorised by the college.

#### **Ready to succeed**

- Students are expected to complete homework on a daily basis and work hard for their examinations. We ask that parents and carers support the college by ensuring that homework is completed.

**95% of Year 10 students agree that ‘Teaching is GOOD’ and that ‘Teachers provide challenging work’**  
Annual Student Questionnaire 2014



# A GUIDE FOR PARENTS & CARERS

## ADMISSION

Parents/Carers whose children are at Brookvale High School will be sent a prospectus automatically in the Autumn term, prior to admission.

For both in-catchment and out of catchment applications, only the Local Authority (LA) can confirm secondary school places to students. For any admission or transfer the parent must complete the LA's application form and send this to the Allocations Section at County Hall. Contact them on 0116 305 6684 or email [admissions@leics.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@leics.gov.uk)

## CONTINUITY FROM YEAR 9 TO YEAR 10

We are constantly finding new ways to improve the links between schools and to ensure that your child's move to the college takes place as smoothly as possible. Staff teach across the campus, students from the high schools make preliminary visits to the college and college students spend time at the high schools on a variety of projects. Each student receives individual support during the option choosing process in Year 9.

Your child may be joining us from another school and every effort is made to help him or her achieve a smooth transfer and feel an integral part of the college.

As a college we value the importance of the **Home-College Agreement**. This agreement sets out the role that the parent/carer, college and student play, in securing each individual's success. The agreement is signed at the start of Year 10 by all parties.

You are invited to our **Open Evening in October** with your child - please refer to the letter in this pack. This gives you and your son/daughter an opportunity to look around the college and to meet with a number of staff.

## KEEPING YOU INFORMED

**Communication with parents/carers** happens in a variety of ways including:

- Tutor Parent Evening in the Autumn Term
- Subject Parent Evening each year
- Questionnaires
- At least 4 reports per year
- Regular emails
- The newsletter
- The website
- Parental Online Access
- Parent forum each term

Details regarding our online access facility will be distributed to parents and carers during the induction period in the July before your child starts at the college.



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