



Achieving Excellence Together

GROBY COMMUNITY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

Congratulations to all current and former students for outstanding GCSE and A Level results

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OPEN EVENINGS

Brookvale - Groby Learning Campus

Achieving Excellence Together 11-19



Brookvale High School 11 - 14

Groby Community College 14 - 19

8 October 2013

3 October 2013

6pm - 8pm

6pm - 8pm

www.brookvalehighschool.co.uk
T: 0116 287 6914

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STOP PRESS

Are you in our catchment area?

To all of the families and friends of the college with students living in the South Charnwood and Groby Community College catchment area; you are fully entitled to a place in Year 10 at the college from September 2014 onwards.

Please see our website for details of our Open Evening, how to apply for a place at the college and contact details for our Admissions Coordinator Mrs Debbie Lee.

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NEW FACES

At this time of year, it is important to welcome all the new students and staff joining the college this academic year. Although we sadly said goodbye to some valued colleagues at the end of last year, it is always exciting to have new staff members who bring fresh ideas and a new energy to life at the college.

We have had 293 students join us in Year 10. The majority of our intake comes from Brookvale High School, South Charnwood High School and The Martin School, although we welcome a number of students from other schools across the county. A huge Groby welcome goes out to all the families who are joining us for the first time. Our motto is:

'Achieving Excellence Together'

It is through the close partnership with parents and carers that our students will succeed.




184 of our Year 11 have returned into Year 12 and we also welcome a number of students who are joining us from other schools to take their A Levels at the college.

Our new staff are as follows:

- **Mrs Brayne - Teacher of Food & Hospitality**
- **Mrs Browning - Science Technician**
- **Mrs Gough - Receptionist**
- **Mr Morris - Teacher of Drama and English**
- **Miss Scott - Teacher of Science**
- **Mrs Sharkey - Teacher of Science**
- **Mrs Westhead - Teacher of RMT & 3D Design**

We would like to wish all our new students and staff the best of luck in their time with us at the college.

Mr Coles
Principal



E-SAFETY

We appreciate that being a parent isn't easy and that being a parent of a teenager can be particularly challenging! To support parents, we are planning a series of themed evenings to share concerns, ideas etc. In June we held our first evening, an e-safety evening, to help parents and carers to feel more confident about getting involved and setting boundaries in their child's digital world.

Digital technology is now integral to young people's lives - new gadgets, websites and apps appear every day and teenagers are spending increasing amounts of time in their digital world. Some teenagers appear to manage their entire lives from their Smartphone! We know that many parents are particularly concerned about what their children do via the ever increasing range of internet-enabled devices.

Following the evening we have put some guidance on e-safety in the parents' section of the college website that you may find useful.

Mrs Evans
Assistant Principal - Student Wellbeing

PARENTS/CARERS' FORUM

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

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

Wednesday 9th October 2013 7.00pm - 8.00pm

This session will cover areas of common interest e.g. the ethos of the college, pastoral support, the curriculum and GCSE examinations. There will be plenty of opportunity to ask questions and decide on future topics for discussion. 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, please contact Mrs Anderson: canderson@grobycoll.com

SUPER STUDENTS ACHIEVE OUTSTANDING SUCCESS AT GCSE AND A LEVEL

It is wonderful to see our students achieve such success each year when the exam results arrive at the college.
This year was no exception with outstanding success at A Level and GCSE.

96% of students achieved at least 5 good passes at GCSE (A* - C) with 60% of them including English and Maths. We are most proud of the fact that for the most able our percentage of students with 3+A* and A grades has risen to 28% and the average grade for every student is a B grade. This average grade means every student, whatever their ability or background, is achieving at a higher level meaning we are meeting the needs of all students.

The Year 10 students also sat some GCSEs last year and did tremendously well. 71% achieved an A* - C in Science and over 60% did the same in their Statistics exam. These bode really well for the students sitting their GCSE maths for the first time in November.

Some of our highest performing students include:

High Achievers at A Level

- Katie Severn with 4 A* (University of Nottingham)
- Dominic Hall with 4 A* (University of Cambridge)
- Sarah Bedder with 3 Distinction* (Leeds Met University)
- Alex Prowse with 3 A* (University of Sheffield)
- Rebecca Broad with 3A*, 2A and 1B (University of Exeter)
- Michael Robinson with 2A* and 1A (University of Manchester)
- Vanessa Tsai with 2A* and 2A (University of Central London)
- Kamran Obhi with 2A* and 1B (University of Warwick)

High Achievers at GCSE

- Callum Tebbatt with 13 As and A*s
- Phoebe Coleman with 12 As and A*s
- Antony Bennett with 11 As and A*s
- Bethan Hill with 11 As and A*s
- Chloe Corkett with 10 As and A*s
- Mathew Martin with 10 As and A*s
- Thomas McGlinchey with 10 As and A*s
- Stephanie Tennant with 10 As and A*s

The biggest congratulations goes out to the A Level students who completed their studies in the Post 16 centre this summer.
Mrs Brown (Director of Post 16) retired on a high note with students achieving the college's best ever A Level results.

36% of all grades were A and A* (national average 27%)
64% of grades were A* - B (55% national average) and 83% A* - C

Well done to these students and good luck for the future.

Thank you to all parents / carers and teaching staff for all their support for our young people.
Without your tireless support and commitment they wouldn't be able to achieve such huge success.

Mr Coles, Principal



Pictured above
Katie Severn with 4 A* (University of Nottingham)
Dominic Hall with 4 A* (University of Cambridge)



Pictured above
Callum Tebbatt with 13 As and A*s
Phoebe Coleman with 12 As and A*s

EXAM & KEY ASSESSMENT CALENDAR 2013 - 14

The main exam period is mid May to the end of June 2014 but other exams in Maths and Science 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 assessments and exam dates can be found on the college website:

www.grobyscoll.com

EXAM CHANGES FROM 2013

The only exams which will take place in November 2013 are for re-sits in English and Maths. Provisional dates can be found on the college website: www.grobyscoll.com

In Summer 2014 Year 10's will sit exams as follows:

GCSE Science B (controlled assessment will be conducted in lessons and forms 25% of the overall grade)

GCSE Maths (first opportunity)

Year 11's will sit ALL their final exams in the Summer of 2014 – it will also be a busy year for mocks!

For best results: write clearly in work books to assist when revising, attend as many additional classes available and treat 'every' mock like the real exam.

Certificates

Exam certificates will be available for collection from DECEMBER 2013. 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



POST 16 NEWS

With the retirement of Mrs Brown in July, the sixth form team has changed for 2013-14.

Head of Post 16 is now Mrs Wood

Deputy Principal with responsibility for Post 16 is Mrs Hubbard

We also now have a dedicated Post 16 tutor team.

During the induction days in July we ran a competition to design a new Post 16 logo. The winner of this competition was Charlotte Haywood. Her winning design can be seen top left of this article. This design will be used as part of decorative improvements to the Post 16 areas.

Years 12 and 13 have now settled into their new timetables. We welcome the largest year 12 intake ever, including 14 new students to Groby Community College; three of whom have arrived from international schools in Spain, Brazil and Slovenia. As always our Post 16 students have given those new to the college a warm welcome and offered support in helping them to settle in. I wish all students a happy and successful time at Groby College.

In July we hosted our PE awards evening. Congratulations to the following Post 16 students:

- Matthew Cox - Sportsman of the Year
- Dan Archer - John Hodgess Trophy
- Ellie Johnson - Academic PE Award
- Alice Williams – received a special award for raising money for the children's ward at the LRI by completing a triathlon.

Students from year 13 completed their D of E (silver award) expedition in the summer. Well done to everyone.

Mrs Wood, Head of Post 16

YEAR 11 PROM

Following a highly successful year 11 prom that was organised in college by the Heads and Assistant Heads of House in 2012, this year we decided to get the year 11 students, with support from our House Activity Co-ordinator Mrs Richardson, to organise their own prom. A prom committee was set up and their first task was to find out what other students in their year group wanted for the class of 2013 prom night.

The hard work of the prom committee and other students ensured that the class of 2013 had a fantastic evening at the Leicester Tigers ground on Thursday 27 June.

Many thanks to all those who helped.

Key members of the year 11 prom committee pictured below right.



YEAR 13 PROM

In August we celebrated our best ever results with our year 13 prom at the Holiday Inn Leicester.

A great night was had by all!

Prom queen was Alice Williams and prom king was Raveen Saigal.

The photographs will soon be added to the gallery in the Post 16 common room.



COMMIT TO SUCCESS PROGRAMME



The highly successful and nationally renowned Commit to Success programme is to begin again this year with selected year 11 students.

The scheme is focused on ensuring as many students as possible exceed their target grades as well as achieve the key qualifications of 8 or more GCSEs graded at A*- C including English and Maths. Last year this scheme ensured that many students who were not quite secure in achieving these key qualifications at the end of year 10 did achieve them by the end of year 11.

Through Commit to Success we take the view that all students can achieve their potential and that we will accept nothing less than this. We have specifically targeted year 11 students who have the capacity to achieve 8 A*- C with English and Maths but may need some additional challenge

and support to reach this level of attainment. As staff at the college we place a relentless focus on students achieving their challenging target grades both in their portfolios, controlled assessments and in their exams.

This year's scheme will be launched with students, parents and carers on Thursday 19th September through a support and advice session for parents. All mentors have been trained in how to challenge and support their mentees to meet their target grades through a clear focus on hard work.

All mentors will meet with their mentees every 6 weeks for a formal business like meeting which focuses on what needs to be done and how it will be achieved. Short term targets are set at these meetings and the mentor

works in partnership with the student, teacher and family to ensure that results are achieved.

If you would like to know more about the scheme then contact myself directly at the college.

Alternatively, if your child's report is showing that they are predicted to attain lower than their target grade then PLEASE contact your child's teacher in that subject. Each teacher can then give targeted support to you and your child on what they need to do to improve. You can contact your child's teacher by phoning the college 0116 287 9921.

Mrs Cornelius
Assistant Principal
(Teaching and Learning)



AUTUMN TERM REPORTS INFORMATION

Parents / Carers will receive a report for their child on the following dates:

Year 10 – Friday 11 October 2013	[Short interim report]
Year 11 – Friday 11 October 2013	[Short interim report]
Year 12 – Friday 11 October 2013	[Short interim report]
Year 13 – Friday 4 October 2013	[Full annual report]

The reports will be followed by two parents afternoon/evenings when you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's tutor/subject teachers. These dates are as follows:

YEARS 10, 11 & 12 - TUTOR AFTERNOON & EVENING

Tuesday 15 October 4.00pm - 7.00pm

YEAR 13 – SUBJECT & TUTOR AFTERNOON & EVENING

Tuesday 19 November 4.00pm - 7.00pm

Prior to these dates your son/daughter will be asked to make appointments with their tutor/subject teachers. Each student will be given an appointment card on which to record appointment times and staff signatures. Please ensure that your child is seeking the appointments you would like. This card should be brought with you.

Our aim on these days is to meet with as many parents and students as possible to discuss your child's academic progress. Please put these dates in your diary, we look forward to seeing you.

Information regarding parents' afternoon/evenings can also be found on our college website: www.grobycoll.com

Mrs Hubbard
Deputy Principal

PARIS TRIP

In June 39 students and 5 members of staff went on an adventure for 3 days and 2 nights at the heart of Paris where we enjoyed French food, Parc Asterix, Stade de France, Museums and had lots of fun.

We stayed at a three-star hotel in the outskirts of Paris and we all shared a delicious French breakfast each morning. This trip was an opportunity for the students to discover some famous French painters like Monet and to learn facts about the legendary "Stade de France" - pictured right.

We also spent an entire day in a French theme Park. It was a fun and unique experience during which they had the chance to make new friends and to discover the very heart of Paris. Our next trip is already on the way. This time, we will go on an adventure in Normandie.

Year 10...are you ready?



GERMANY LANGUAGE AND CULTURE TRIP 2014

MONDAY 24TH TO FRIDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2014

For the second year running, the college is proud to offer students of German in year 10, 12 and 13 the opportunity to travel to Germany to experience using their language skills in a real setting.

Students will stay in a traditional German town called Lüneburg, visit a German grammar school and get to know their way around. They will also visit Hamburg and it's famous harbour area and spend a day in Berlin. There they will visit the parliament building, Checkpoint Charlie museum and a Stasi prison. There will also be a day spent touring the VW factory in Wolfsburg.

If you would like to take part, please see Miss Hammond for a letter or more information.



NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

If you have an article of interest for our next newsletter then please email

Mrs Anderson: canderson@grobyscoll.com

For up-to-date news please visit the college website:

www.grobyscoll.com



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HISTORY SUPPORT

Year 11 History Coursework Support Sessions:

The American Civil Rights Movement

On Monday lunchtimes, Miss Hall will be running sessions for those who need help with their History coursework. Students who need help completing their knowledge booklets, want to go over the key topics or are struggling with the extended writing components can attend for some small group/individual support, or simply to access the Humanities computers for research and development of their ideas. If you need help, come along to room 29, any Monday lunchtime from 9th September.

RAF CRANWELL GCSE BOOSTER LANGUAGE EVENT

A group of year 11 French & Spanish Language students visited RAF Cranwell on July 4 2013. The aim of the day was to boost student confidence when using the target language. It was a great opportunity for students to practice their language skills in a formal setting. Students were divided into groups with students from other schools across the country and they took part in a variety of activities through-out the day.

All students had to deliver a presentation with the aim to convince younger students to take up a language. The students were excellent ambassadors for our College and were awarded a numbers of prizes on the day for demonstrating excellent team work. Well done to the following students:

**Tabatha Asher, Cian Bhandal, Corey Carroll, Chloe Creasey
Alison Hall, Allsager Maimoon, Jake Merriman, Archie Moyes
Hannah Mugglestone, Monica Patel and Jordan Waite.**



'It was a very big confidence booster to speak in front of 100 students'. Jake Merriman 11BRLI

Ms Knight & Mr Cook - Learning Support Assistants

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

Congratulations to our year 13 students on the best set of BTEC Level 3 results ever! 100% A* equivalent!

24 out of 24 students achieved a Distinction* (equivalent of an A* at A Level).

We are extremely proud of all of their hard work and so pleased that their efforts have paid off.

Our current cohort of year 11 students returned from a week of work experience in July 2013. They returned with a deeper knowledge of working in the care sector and this has strengthened their work for the final units. We hope that they choose to continue the subject at Level 3 to have a repeat of this year's results.

Mrs Varney, Mr Kimber and Mr Ryman

GEOGRAPHY SUCCESS

Huge congratulations and well done to our GCSE, AS and A2 Level Geography students, who achieved fantastic results!!

GCSE A*- A grade = 38%

A special mention to our A* GCSE students; Laura Brett, Joseph Norton and Tom McGlinchey.

A2 Level A*- A grade = 41%

Also to our A and A* A2 Level students, Rebecca Broad, Alex Prowse, Will Preston, Lydia Alborn, Matt Cox, Jordan Johnston and Will Richardson.

This has been the result of your hard work and commitment to your learning.

We wish you all the luck for the future.

Miss Wright and Mr Kimber

GEOGRAPHY COURSEWORK

All year 11 Geography students are invited to attend a coursework session every Thursday lunchtime, in Room 25, from Thursday 5th September 2013 until October half term.

This time can also be used for students who would like extra support and as an opportunity for revision.

Revision sessions for their unit 1 and unit 2 exams will then begin after Christmas until their exam in the summer term.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Laura Wright, Lead Teacher for Geography

LITERACY ACROSS THE CURRICULUM



Literacy is at the heart of education and literacy skills are essential for informed decision-making, personal empowerment and to the active participation in local and global social communities. Even in the age of digital communications and rapidly advancing technology, basic literacy skills are still fundamental – after all, as the *EU High Level Report on Literacy* points out, ‘the digital world is centred around the written word’. At a time when reports show that 1 in 6 people in the UK struggle with literacy it is more important than ever to make sure that our young people leave college having been given every opportunity to develop themselves as literate, articulate – as well as numerate – adults.

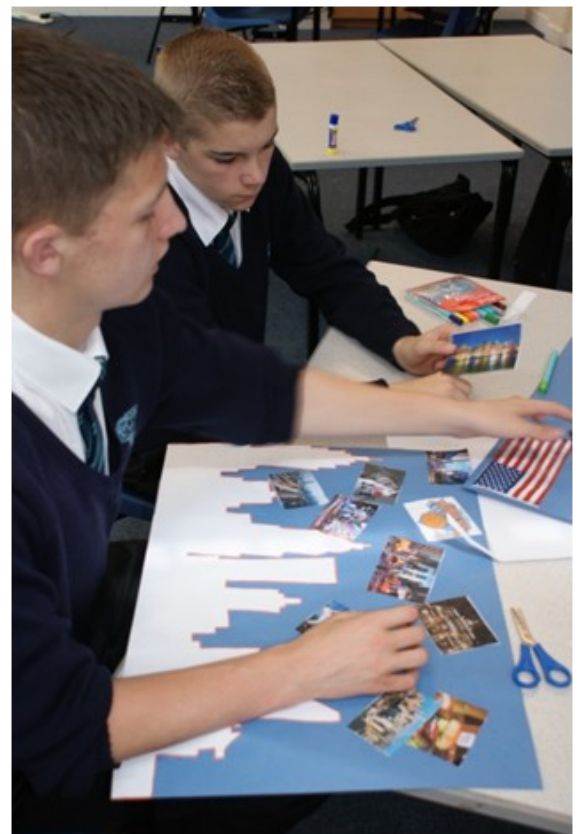


Our responsibility as teachers, in every subject area, is very clear: we recognise that as teachers *in* English, we are all teachers *of* English. Our Literacy Action Plan has a relentless focus on improving

literacy skills for all our learners and a number of initiatives are being launched over the next few weeks. All subject areas will be recommending books read by our teachers, updated on a regular basis; teachers and support staff will also be taking part in a ‘Blind Date with a Book’ where we will swap our favourite books with colleagues and discuss these with students. Post-16 Literacy mentors will also be working with students in class to improve skills and boost confidence. To keep up to date with all the developing literacy news, as well as guidance for how you can help at home, go to the literacy information page on the college website.

CULTURAL STUDIES IN LITERATURE

At the end of last term all year 10 students found themselves doing some unusual activities in their English lessons: making African tribal masks, designing board games based on Greek myths, devising a European map of fairy tales, creating a New York inspired skyline – even taking trips back to fin de siècle Paris and the realms of the Celts. After a year of controlled assessments the English teaching team decided to hand the learning over to students who chose which project they wanted to join from a diverse selection covering different geographical areas and cultures. Four weeks of reading, film-watching, poetry, research and writing – as well as a fair bit of collage making, rapping and painting – resulted in whole new worlds being created and the students enjoying a hugely creative and innovative end to their year.



YEAR 10 ENGLISH CONTROLLED ASSESSMENTS

DATE REMINDER

Year 10 English students will be sitting their first controlled assessments between 23 September and 4 October.

There are two controlled assessments – reading for meaning and writing – which together total 20% of the final GCSE grade for English Language.

ELIGIBILITY FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Please note:

Children who receive qualifying benefit in their own right are also eligible to receive free school meals.

Schools receive additional funding for every child that is eligible for free school meals.

Groby Community College only receives the funding if you apply for the free school meals. Applying does not mean that your child has to have the free meal.

Please see the criteria for receiving free school meals. If you think you might be eligible please contact the main reception for an application form.

Children whose parents receive the following support payments are entitled to receive free school meals: (see list opposite)

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- An income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) that as of 6th April 2010 does not exceed £16,190
- The guarantee element of State Pension Credit

ARE YOU UP FOR A NUMERACY CHALLENGE?

If so, hand any completed entries to the question below to your maths teacher no later than **Friday 4 October 2013**. All correct answers will receive a reward point and one will be picked at random to receive a **£10 Amazon voucher**, so make sure your name and tutor group are clearly labelled. **Good luck!**

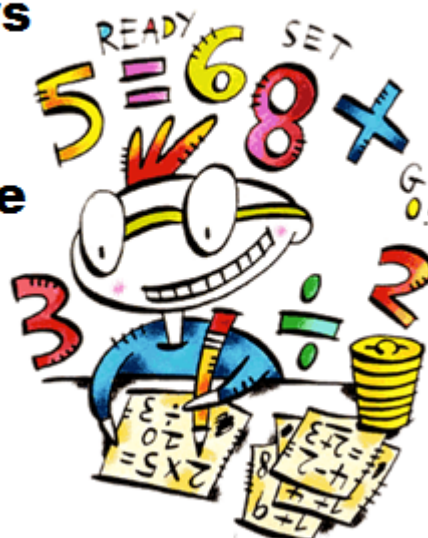
Numeracy Challenge

Use each of the numbers

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Exactly once to fill in the slots below:

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YEAR 10 & 11 MATHS EXAMS INFORMATION

A number of year 11 students recently received results for their GCSE Statistics exam. It was pleasing to see that many of them were able to achieve and even exceed their target grade. I would therefore like to begin by congratulating the students on their achievements!

You will be aware that your child has the opportunity to obtain two GCSEs in mathematics. Now that they have gained a qualification in Statistics, we will be concentrating our efforts on ensuring they achieve the best possible grade in Mathematics. We are giving students two attempts at their maths exam. Information below is to help you support your child through their revision. **Mrs Parmar, Maths Curriculum Leader**

Your child will be sitting their Maths exam for the first time on 6 & 8 November 2013

KEY EXAM DATES

Mock exams: **Monday 30 September & Wednesday 2 October**

Edexcel Linear Paper 1 (Non-calculator) : **Wednesday 6 November (am)**

Edexcel Linear Paper 2 (Calculator) : **Friday 8 November (am)**

On the day of the actual exam, we will also be running warm-up sessions in the Maths faculty from 8:10am - 8:40am where all students are welcome.

REVISION CLASSES

The Maths faculty operates an open door policy and we are happy to provide extra support at lunchtimes as well as after college. Listed below are some more formal exam revision sessions that will be taking place in the lead up to exams. We encourage students to attend wherever possible:

Linear Foundation

-Wednesday lunchtime with Miss Johal in room 5

Linear Higher

- Monday lunchtime with Mrs Parmar in room 35

Recommended websites for revision:

BBC Bitesize

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/maths/>

Mr Hegarty Maths – a selection of online tutorials on how to answer exam questions (topic specific)

<http://www.youtube.com/user/HEGARTYMATHS>

Mathswatch – video tutorials

<https://www.mathswatchvle.com/>

MATHSGCSE4ME

<https://sites.google.com/site/mathsgcse4me/>

This site contains past papers, mark schemes, revision notes and practice on specific topics as well as the new style questions.

REVISION ADVICE

The best way to revise for a maths exam is **practice, practice, practice**. Students will be receiving a past paper every week to complete for homework in the lead up to exams. It is imperative that these are handed in on time so that students can benefit from individual feedback on areas for improvement.

The maths exam has undergone changes in recent years. The focus now is very much on problem solving. Students are required to answer longer questions that are worth more marks and have a functional (real-life) element to them. Attached are two examples of such questions. In order to gain maximum marks on this type of question students must write down **all of their calculations**, with **clear answers**. Students who do not show methods will not gain as many marks in the exam.

It is essential that students have the correct equipment for the exam, and that they know how to use it. Necessary equipment includes:

Black pens; pencils; ruler; rubber; protractor; compasses and a **scientific calculator**.

All equipment can be purchased from the science prep room. We also have available numerous revision guides and practice paper packs to support your child with their revision.

Your child will be sitting a **mock exam** week commencing 30 September, this will enable us to identify their strengths and weaknesses in order to plan lessons to better meet their needs closer to the exam.

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INDUCTION



The first day of the three day induction for new students at the beginning of July was based on a crime scene investigation. Students had to work as a tutor group to investigate and solve a crime by following the evidence trail. Members of the Senior Leadership Team were the main suspects for the murder of Mrs Cornelius, Assistant Principal at the college, and were subjected to intensive questioning by different students.

The Heads of House and Assistant Heads of House dressed in police uniforms and were very convincing in their new role. A member of the public did call in at reception to ask if there had been a major incident at the college as they had seen a lot of police officers around!

Heads of House and Assistant Heads of House dressed in police uniforms!

Each tutor group had to present their findings to the Chief Inspector (aka Head of House) and the winning tutor group from each house was invited to present to an external jury. **Congratulations to the overall winners – BrVr**

Mrs Evans

Assistant Principal - Student Wellbeing

Choose your path into a rewarding and challenging career. There's now a new way to get into teaching.

School Direct is a great new way to gain the skills you need to become a teacher. This school-led path includes some of the country's best schools, and you could be selected with a job in mind just for you. You could also receive a bursary of up to £20,000* or a salary to help get you started.

Informal Information Evening at Brookvale High School
Monday 16th September at 6pm
To confirm your attendance or for further information please contact Nicola Koncarevic at schoolsdirect@brookvalehighschool.co.uk

Search 'get into teaching' or call 0800 389 2500.
Rewarding
Challenging
Teaching

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*Conditions apply. See education.gov.uk/schoolconditions for full details.

ATTENDANCE AT GROBY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

If you have any queries or concerns about your child's attendance please get in touch with us: Tel: 0116 287 9921

Mrs Lovell : Attendance Support Officer - ext 231 (see information below and picture insert)

Mrs Lee: Student Services Manager - ext 286

Mrs Howard: Admin Assistant - ext 269

Mrs Lovell has worked in the Attendance Team for more than 10 years. Her role has expanded to include attendance improvement, previously covered by the Attendance Service for Leicestershire County Council. As well as monitoring attendance, Mrs Lovell will be liaising with parents directly and meeting with you and students to support improvement in attendance and resolve issues. Occasionally she may arrange home visits to deal with non-attendance or may refer cases for prosecution. Please support the college by contacting Mrs Lovell to discuss any aspects of your child's attendance that is a concern.



Mrs Lovell is here to help you. alovell@grobycoll.com or absences@grobycoll.com

ALL STUDENTS SHOULD AIM FOR ATTENDANCE OF 100%

Children are at school for 190 days each year! That leaves 175 days left for other things!

- There is a clear link between attendance and achievement. Whenever a young person misses college through illness, holidays or truancy they miss out on important learning.
- Please telephone us if your son/daughter is ill and leave a message on the absence line. Please also phone on any subsequent days of illness, and for medical appointments. Where possible, please make medical appointments out of school hours.
- We will do our best to contact you on the first day of absence by text message - please telephone us in response to the message.
- We will also contact you if we have not been given a reason for an absence.

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.



Join the New Face of School Meals In Leicestershire

We currently have Catering Vacancies for
Casual School Food Assistants at

SCHOOLS: in the Groby, Markfield & Ratby area

HOURS: Various but generally over the lunchtime

We offer excellent benefits including:
Uniform and Training, Paid holidays, School term time working,
£6.29 per hour and Pay award pending



If interested please contact Jenny Jordan on 07983 432 721

BIG SUMMER GAMES

The annual Groby Big Summer Games took place on 25 June 2013, the first under the current House system. All students took part in House activities in the morning, attempting to earn points for Bardon, Beacon, Birch or Broombriggs. Students could either represent their House in the team events; rounders, football or volleyball, or take part in challenge events; welly wanging, boules, basketball free throw, golf chipping, penalty shootout, cricket bowling or zumba. Traditional athletics dominated the afternoon's activities, with both track and field events. All students participated throughout the day and enjoyed themselves, while the glorious weather contributed to a fantastic day. Birch House were the overall winners, but a special mention must go to Georgia Powers BECW, who took part in the 100m, 200m, 400m and 4x100m relay for Beacon House.



ANNUAL SPORTS PRESENTATION EVENING

The Sports Presentation Evening was held in the Sports Hall on 28 June 2013 to celebrate the sporting success that Groby students have achieved throughout this academic year. Jimmy Wallhead, an ex-student and professional MMA fighter, presented the awards and gave an inspiring speech on how sport can change lives, as well as giving some tips on how to make it to the top of your sport. Martyn Thompson and Diane Hodgess presented the Daryl Rimington Commemorative Award and the 'John Hodgess Sporting Achievement Trophy', respectively, in memory of former students. All students were given a certificate and medal to recognise the contribution that they have made to extra-curricular sport at Groby and the hours of training that they put in outside of college. Thank you to all students and parents who attended – I hope you enjoyed the evening.

Top award winners:

Sportsman of the Year – Matthew Cox
Sportswoman of the Year – Lucy Whitfield
The Winter Cup – Hannah Cox

The John Hodgess Sporting Achievement Trophy – Daniel Archer



The Daryl Rimington Commemorative Award – Ellie Turner

Outstanding Contribution award winners:

Yr 10 Football – Josh Burniston
Yr 10 Netball – Hollie Cochrane
Girls Rugby – Ellie Turner
Boys Badminton – Matthew Hiscocks

Yr 11 Football – Conor Anderson
Yr 11 Netball – Emma Critchley
Girls Rounders – Fran Shellard
Girls Badminton – Re-

Post 16 Football – Kieran Harding
Boys Rugby – Mattie Lewis
Cross Country – Matthew Cox



becca Hiscocks

Trampoline – Jacob Fenn



AUTUMN TERM KEY DIARY DATES

- Tuesday & Wednesday 27 & 28 August • Teacher Days - no students in college
- Thursday 29 August • Years 10 and 11 start
- Monday 2 September • Year 13 start
- Wednesday 4 September • Year 12 start
- Wednesday 4 September • Photos Year 10 and Year 12
- Wednesday 11 September • Year 12 Parent Induction meeting 6pm - 7pm
- Monday 16 September • Presentation to Year 9 parents & students South Charnwood 6.30pm
- Wednesday 18 September • Presentation to Year 9 parents and students Brookvale 6.30pm
- Thursday 19 September • Commit to Success parents meeting 7pm - 8pm
- Thursday 26 September • Annual Awards Evening 7 - 8pm (ex Y11 students)
- Monday 30 September • Year 11 Maths mock exam
- Wednesday 2 October • Year 11 Maths mock exam
- Thursday 3 October • Open Evening for Year 9 parents and students 6pm - 8pm
- Friday 4 October • Year 13 annual full reports issued via students
- Wednesday 9 October • Parents/Carers' Forum 7 - 8pm
- Friday 11 October • Year 10, 11 & 12 interim reports issued via students
- Tuesday 15 October • Year 10, 11 & Tutor afternoon/evening 4pm - 7pm
- Friday 18 October • COLLEGE CLOSED to students for Teacher Day 3

MONDAY 21 - FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER • MID TERM BREAK

- Monday 4 - Friday 8 November • Year 11 Maths exam week
- Thursday 7 November • Post 16 Open Evening 6.30pm - 8.30pm
- Friday 15 November • Year 11 annual full reports issued via students
- Tuesday 19 November • Year 13 Subject and Tutor afternoon/evening 4pm - 7pm
- Thursday 21 November • Year 11 Careers' evening 6pm - 8pm
- Friday 6 December • Year 12 annual full reports issued via students
- Wednesday 11 - Saturday 14 December • Christmas Show
- Friday 13 December • Year 10 & 13 interim reports issued via students
- Friday 20 December • College closes

MONDAY 23 - FRIDAY 3 JANUARY CHRISTMAS BREAK

SPRING TERM DATES 2013-14

Open	Monday 6 January 2014
Mid-Term Break	Monday 17 to Friday 21 February 2014
Close	Friday 11 April 2014

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