



Brumby Bulletin



March 2011

Message from Dr. Clark

Calendar

Spring Term Ends

Friday 8th April 2011

Summer Term Starts

Wednesday 27th April

Royal Wedding Bank
Holiday

29th April 2011

May Day Bank Holiday

2nd May 2011

LOST PROPERTY

We still have a large amount of lost property remaining unclaimed.

If you have lost anything please see Mrs. Worthington, First Aider who is based in the new Clydesdale Block



We have had many visitors this term to look round our new building. When you are next in school for a Parents' Evening we will give all Parents a chance to see what we have now.

By the end of term, in July, we are told that the refurbished Highland building will be ready, so that by the time the new term starts in September we should just about be completed. All outside seating, canopies and walkways should be ready by then.

The school has received another award from the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust (SSAT).

We are amongst the Specialist Schools and Academies from across the country who have gained national recognition for our work adding value to their students' achievements at GCSE, 2010. Value added scores show the progress students in a school have made between their test results at age 11 and 16. This is the second time we have gained this award from SSAT.

Elizabeth Reid, Chief Executive of the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust said: "Successful Schools understand the value of data such as these value-added scores, in helping to ensure all young

people perform to the very best of their ability. The value-added measures show how schools make a difference and raise achievement above expectations".

Dr. T. G. Clark

SPORTS CLUBS

Year 7 Cricket - Sports Hall

Thursdays 3.00 - 4.00 p.m.

Years 8 & 9 Cricket - Sports Hall

Tuesdays 3.00 - 4.00 p.m.

School Security at Lunchtimes

Will parents please note that the entrance gates will be closed for lunchtime as follows:-

Years 7 and 8

Lunchtime Bell 12.40 p.m.

Gates locked 12.45 - 1.15p.m.

Years 9, 10 and 11

Lunchtime Bell 1.00 p.m.

Gates locked 1.05 to 1.35 p.m.

CONTACT NUMBERS

Please remember to let us know of any changes in your telephone numbers so that we are able to contact in an emergency

Parents are responsible for students who leave the site at lunchtime.

Attendance

It is important that all year 11 students attend regularly and on time until they officially leave school. Parents and carers are legally responsible under Section 444(1/1A) of the Education Act 1996 to ensure the regular school attendance of the children in their care.

If study leave is granted students will be expected to attend every revision session organized by the school relating to the exams that they are due to take.

As a school we are trying to intervene early in highlighting potential attendance problems and provide support as early on as possible to those students who

require this. Your support in this endeavour is greatly appreciated and we look forward to a positive end to the school career for all our year 11 students.



All Parents are reminded that they should not be taking children out of school for annual holidays, unless exceptional conditions apply. Please contact our attendance officers with any queries.

Mrs. H. Baker

BEST

Brumby Education Support Team

We are running a parenting course on Tuesday mornings from the 3rd May to the 13th July. If you feel you would benefit from support from us in tackling issues with your child why not come along?

Come along to our coffee morning on Tuesday 5th April from 9.15 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. to find out more or contact Julie Taylor or Elaine Etchell on 860237.

Alternatively you can email them on:

4075jtaylor@northlincs.net or

4075eetchell@northlincs.net

Sparrowhawk specializes in Languages!

Earlier this week we had a visit from three unusual students that you don't normally see in our school. They made a special visit to Mr. Kilburn's classroom, via a window, to join in with a group of Year 8 students learning German.

Students found it a little hard to concentrate on their lessons as these poorly behaved extras proved a big distraction flying around the room.

After attempts by Mr. Kilburn, Mr. Webster and PCSO Nigel Grant to remove the visitors, in walked Mr. Lings who calmly switched the lights off and the visitors made a hasty retreat from whence they came.

It has often been said that Mr. Lings is a "cool dude" but this just confirms that he actually is!!

During the mayhem someone took a photo of the Sparrowhawk which can be seen below



We should say that our feathered friends did not leave any gifts behind!

There's never a dull moment at Brumby.

If parents or students wish to contact PCSO Grant at any time they can e-mail him at:-

4075police@northlincs.net

All messages will be treated in confidence.

Helping your son or daughter to prepare for their GCSE Exams

You can help by:-

- Recognising how important exams are and how much time your son/daughter will need if they are to do as well as they can;
- Not asking them to do too many chores or look after younger brothers and sisters;
- Encouraging the rest of the family to help by not disturbing revision;
- Securing a quiet place for study, where their work can be safely kept;
- Encouraging planned relaxation time (too much study is not helpful);
- Praising hard work;
- Emphasising the need for plenty of sleep
- Helping them to forget about each exam as it is finished,
- Reminding them that it will soon be over and there will be a good break from school when they can catch up on what they have been missing.

Brumby Mentor Team



Useful tips to help your child with their GCSE Exams

- ◆ Get your son/daughter to check that they have all the notes and books they need for revision.
- ◆ Get them to talk to their teacher if they are missing any books
- ◆ Check that they have a revision timetable that includes the dates and times of their exams in May and June. Also include any other important dates (such as birthdays) when you would possibly want them to take some time off revision.
- ◆ The school will supply a blank revision timetable, these were also provided for them for their mock GCSE exams in December and proved very useful.
- ◆ Make sure that coursework deadlines are also included on the revision timetables.
- Your son/daughter will not be able to do much revision when they are working hard to complete their course-work.
- ◆ The timetables should be used to plan revision sessions, these should be spread out evenly so that your son/daughter is not planning to do too much all at once.
- ◆ Having the timetable displayed in their room is a good idea as it will help them stick to the plan.
- ◆ Check how they are doing by letting them explain something they have just learnt.
- ◆ It's a good rule of thumb that if you can follow their explanation then they will be able to produce a good answer to an exam question on that topic.
- ◆ Encourage your son/daughter to ask for help on any parts of their work they do not understand, this could either be from you or school.
- ◆ Encourage your son/daughter to persevere and to work hard in the run up to exams.



HUMANITIES



In the summer term there shall be 3 trips at Key Stage 3 for students to go on.

On May 6th 2011 there will be a Year 7 trip to Manchester where students will visit Manchester United (undertaking their stadium tour and looking around the museum.) Following on from that there will be some time at the Trafford Shopping Centre. Here students will look at the impact of sports teams and stars on retail.

This trip will be on a first come, first served basis. The contribution towards the cost of this trip is £12.50. Letters shall be available soon from Mr Beevers in C14.

Subject to confirmation, we should be running another year 7 trip to Sheffield. On this trip we will be recording noise levels across a section of Sheffield. We will start in the city centre and use SuperTram to get out to Meadowhall. The data we collect shall be used for a map project in school.

Also on a provisional note, I hope to run a year 8 trip to York. This trip has links to Science and Engineering, as well as History and Geography The intended plan for the day will be to visit two venues - The National Railway Museum and the York Dungeons. At the railway museum we will have a good look around as well as participating in a Bridge building activity. We will also visit the Dungeons and (hopefully, subject to availability) go on a guided city walk with one of the "Characters" from the Dungeons.

Contribution costs for these trips will be announced when they are confirmed. I am just hoping that the cost of fuel doesn ' t rocket too much more as this is a key cost of the trip! **Mr. S. Beevers**

Expressive Arts



The rehearsals for this "fun" show are progressing and will soon be taking place in the new hall where we can experiment with our new sound and lighting systems.

Although we are attempting to keep after school rehearsals to a minimum we will soon need to increase them. Your support and encouragement at these times will be much appreciated. New rehearsal schedules will be issued when we return after Easter. Performance dates are now on Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th June 2011 and I would appreciate it if you could return the permission slips on the bottom of the letter sent home as soon as possible. If your child has lost the new letter please collect another from either myself or Mrs Letherland.

Mrs Sowerby