Brumby Bulletin

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Message from Dr. Clark

Training Days

Dear Parents,

Every school is allocated five training days a year. Usually the Local Authority designate the first day of each term, leaving schools free to select when they have the remaining two.

This year our two days will be on **Friday 21st October 2011** (before the half term and on **Thursday 19th July 2012** (the end of the summer term)

Cans etc.

After half term I am attempting to make us a "can free" site. They cause problems on the field when the grass is cut and are very unsightly, if not potentially a safety hazard, in the playground areas. As yet we do not have an appropriate facility to re-cycle them.

Our own dining hall will no longer sell cans of drink.

Students should not wander about the corridors, buildings etc. eating and drinking. This should be restricted to the Dining Room and playground, where we now have a plentiful supply of bins.

Thank you

Uniform

Thank you to parents for making sure that the standard of uniform this term has started so well.

I appreciate your efforts.

Dr. T. G. Clark

Humanities Department News

This Autumn term is certainly busy for staff and students alike. Year 7's have been developing their skills to allow them to succeed at KS3 Humanities subjects.

In Geography lessons students are developing map skills and analytical skills.

History lessons have been delving into the 11th Century (1066!!) and R.E. lessons have been introducing some faith issues.

Our year 8 and 9 students have continued to develop their knowledge, skills and understanding. Year 9 students had an opportunity to undertake some fieldwork in Bridlington and did so with relish. Many of those who went were an absolute credit to this school in the way that they behaved, worked and interacted with members of the public.

Key Stage 4 students have continued their studies working towards their qualifications. Geographers are looking at natural hazards, year 11 students are writing up their Bridlington Controlled assessment.

Many of our R.E. students recently had a lecture from Rev. A Wright (Scunthorpe United and St Mary's Church Barton Chaplain) about his work with the football club.

Historians continue to look at the Wild West and Medicine through time.

Mr. S. Beevers

Music Department News

We have had a very busy start to this term. We now have 14 year 7's starting peripatetic lessons. This includes 6 violin players, 2 Euphonium players, 1 trumpet player, 3 saxophone players and 2 clarinet players. I can't wait until they all join orchestra as it will take the school orchestra head count up to 32 pupils making a magnificent sound! This is a wonderful opportunity for these pupils as we are the only school in the authority offering this experience free of charge. One school is charging £120 each term.

Emily Lancashire and James O'Connor have been entered in for their Associated Board of Royal School of Music exams on their woodwind instruments and we are just awaiting the date. Both pupils have been practising really hard and deserve to do well!! Keep practising those horrible scales!

All extra- curricular activities are well under way in preparation for our Christmas Celebration this year. This includes lunchtime rehearsals for all steel pan groups (all 6 of them) Orchestra and Choir after school and soloists being slotted in where we can find a gap!! We hope you can join us on Thursday 15th December as we plan to get everyone in the Christmas spirit.

Year 7 have made a good start to their music education and we have been learning how to play the keyboard and all about the Instruments of the Orchestra.

Year 8 have been boogying down and have been learning all about dance music. They have performed along with Saturday Night and are now composing their own dance tracks on the Imacs.

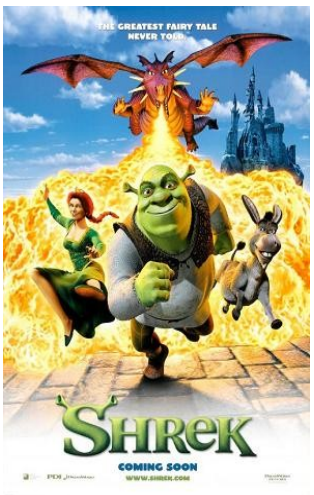
Year 9 A band have been working on a personalised l earning unit and have chosen which instrument they would like to perform on and have been using the internet to download the music they would like to play!!! Many pupils have been coming and doing extra work during lunchtime and after school on this unit.

Year 9 B and C band have been studying Film music and have come to the end of their film compositions where they have had to compose the music to a trailer. This has been done on the Imacs using similar software that film music composers use. They will then be able to burn their version of their work to DVD and hopefully bring their work home to show you.

Year 10 have been studying blues music and collecting ideas towards their controlled test assignment.

Year 11 have been studying 20th century music and collecting ideas towards their controlled test assignment.

On Thursday 20th October we are off to see Shrek in London. It will be a fantastic trip as it gives our pupils the chance at an extremely good rate to see a West End Musical. Our seats are in the Dress Circle so we are guaranteed a fantastic view. On December the 8th Y7 will have the opportunity to go to the Plowright Theatre and see Cinderella, the cost of this will be £7.50 and there are 37 seats available.



"Young people can learn from my example that something can come from nothing. What I have become is the result of my hard efforts."

Franz Joseph Haydn

Modern Foreign Languages

Year 7 pupils have settled well and are making pleasing progress in their French or German lessons.

Pupils in Year 8 for the first time can use their laptops and the VLE from home to access the new interactive course book.

Pupils in Year 9 have begun their first unit of work which will lead to the FCSE (First Certificate of Secondary Education) and many are achieving a Merit or Distinction in their Speaking assignment.

Miss A. Butterfield

English Department News

The English department are extremely proud of their GCSE results this year and we hope to continue to improve.

One of the ways we have identified as being crucial to pupils making good progress, is through the setting and completion of homework to ensure pupils understand the work they have done in lesson and to demonstrate that they can do it independently.

We are currently trialling a new system, with the help of our Learning Mentor Elaine Etchell, where we text parents when their child hasn't produced homework. Early indications suggest this is really working and I would like to thank all parents for their support in this.

More pupils are now completing their homework and we should soon be able to see our pupils reaping the rewards in their progress.

Thanks again for your support - ***The English Department***

Trip to France - Easter 2012

GCSE French Trip to Northern France, Easter Holiday 2012

Brumby Engineering College is planning to take a group of Year 10 and 11 pupils to the Opal coast for 5 days and stay in a Chateau close to St. Omer. The trip will be both educational and cultural because the first excursion will be to Lille University to take part in a Speaking and Listening workshop with native French speakers.

This of course would need an afternoon relaxing and practising our speaking skills as well as getting to grips with the value of the Euro in Lille's huge shopping precinct; we could expect to begin an appreciation of French cuisine by sampling cakes and coffee in the local cafés. Other local trips will build on this to visit a snail farm, a bee-keeping museum and a chocolaterie. We also hope to spend a day in Le Touquet on the coast and visit 'Aqualud' the indoor Aqua Park there as well as the market.

The chateau is owned by the travel Company NST and has been renovated to make it suitable for school groups. The grounds include sports and recreational pitches which will be used in some of the evening entertainments provided by NST. We will make pancakes (les crepes) and play ' pétanque', as well as meet the other pupils staying in the Chateau from other visiting school parties.

We are travelling by executive coach and will either take the ferry or the shuttle to make our journey as quick as possible, but however we choose to travel we will arrive there about one hour after reaching the French port of Calais.

I am delighted that we are able to offer a trip for our older pupils again and hope that as many pupils as possible will want to take part. It could be possible that the trip may be available to pupils who have chosen not to continue studying French – as we are hoping to take about 35 pupils.

The price of £200 per pupil is being subsidised by school. For this we must thank Dr Clark enormously; he obviously is as keen as us to get another trip to France underway! **£50 deposit to reserve your place is needed BEFORE the Half term break (Oct 20th).**

Please see, ring or email Mrs Radford at :- 4075gradford@northlincs.net , Learning Manager Year 11 and Lead Teacher KS4 French if you have any questions at all about the trip.

Mrs. G. Radford

Science Department News

Science has started the new school year on a high after achieving some fantastic results last year. Well done to all the students on some excellent results.

The year 7 have settled well in to their science lessons well and developing some excellent scientific skills, we have looked at the skills needed to be excellent scientists, and will be using these skills for the next 5 years, so I hope they remember them!

Science club has started again and Mrs Dawber has said that any students in lower school are welcome to attend.

The new year 10 are working well in their chosen GCSE Science course and I hope they continue with this positive attitude.

BTEC catch up sessions are available after school on the following days:

Tuesday in S33 with Miss Harrison

Wednesday in S31 with Mrs Cheney

Thursday in S28 with Miss Pang

Friday in S29 with Miss Melling.

They are optional, drop in sessions.

Maths News

In September there were two new appointments to the Maths Department, Mr Batley who has taken responsibility for coordinating Key Stage 4 Mathematics and Miss Graves who will be teaching at both Key stage 3 and 4. Mr O'Brien will be co-ordinating Key Stage 3.

This term the Maths department moved into their new facilities, the rooms are spacious and well equipped with Interactive Whiteboards, breakout areas for group work, and ICT facilities. There is a lovely purposeful working atmosphere in the Maths department.

Year 11 students will be under-taking modular and linear examinations in November, we have been fortunate to have Mr Shaun Proctor Green a principal moderator for the examination board to spend a morning with us on November 1st working with students on examination techniques.

Year 11 students have recently undertaken a mock maths examination and the results have been analysed to enable staff and students to highlight possible weak areas in their examination performance. All students will be given specific revision topics. Revision and intervention groups are taking place each week to enable our students to have the best possible chance of examination success. As a parent you are able to help in ensuring that your child works on the revision topics on My Maths (This is suitable for both Key Stage 3 and 4). We have also purchased Maths Watch CD's, students are able to purchase these for £5 from their maths teacher, the interactive CD's have all the topics from the Higher and Foundation tier papers with worked through examples. If your child has an IPOD or IPhone there are maths revision apps designed to cover all of the topics from the exam board, the most popular is Kerboodle Maths. The app costs £2.49 to download

PE News

Year 9 Rugby Team

Rugby Result

After some intense training sessions, led by Mr. Robinson from ScunthorpeRugby Club, we had enough Year 8 and 9s to enter the under 14 rugby tournament. This was held at John Leggott College on Tuesday 4th October.

The team led by Ethan Gregory-Hagar lost by one try to St. Bedes, Winterton and Frederick Gough, and then went on to beat Baysgarth by a try.

Year 10 Boys Core PE

During their outdoor PE lesson, this half term, all Year 10 boys have been involved in Sports Ed. We have used the sport of football for this half term but will be doing the same with rugby next half term. Basically, Sports Ed is a programme where pupils not only participate as a player but as several other roles (e.g. Manager, referee, assistant referee, timekeeper, fitness coach, scorer and match reporter). This area allows pupils to engage their English, Maths and ICT skills as well as developing and refining their PE skills.

Pupils were put into teams via a selection process then selected their own team name and nominated a captain. Two leagues were set up, one for each PE group and a playing order was created so that each team would play each other twice over the season. At the half way point of the season there was a transfer window where each team was allowed to transfer 2 players.

Some pupils who have taken on more of a statisticians role have created league tables, showing results, points etc. (see below) and some pupils have produced match reports. A pupil for the Friday groups' league has set up a website where the results, points and goal scorers are published. The website it http:becleague.webs.com

Both groups have a couple more weeks until their fixture's will be complete. Once they are complete there will be a presentation to the winning teams, top goal scorers etc.

Colour	Team	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Goals Scored	Goals Conceded	Goal Difference
RED	United FC	2	1	3	11	6	8	-2
YELLOW	Brumby Madrid	2	4	0	14	12	4	8
BLUE	Stallions AFC	1	2	2	9	14	8	6
GREEN	Scunthorpe Town	1	3	3	12	3	9	-6
SHIRTS	Predator City	3	1	2	13	7	9	-2

	Points
Win	3
Draw	2
Loss	1

Football Results

Year 7	lost to Baysgarth	3:5
Year 7	beat Baysgarth	6:3
Year 9	lost to Baysgarth	6:1
Year 10	beat Baysgarth	5:2
Year 11	lost to Baysgarth	6:4 after extra time in Y11 Cup
Year 7	lost to St. Lawrence	3:1
Year 8	lost to St. Lawrence	8:1
Year 10	lost to St. Lawrence	2:0
Year 11	beat North Axholme	3:2 on penalties in U16 Cup

Football Fixtures

Y8 v Frederick Gough Weds - 19.10.11

Y10 v Frederick Gough Weds - 19.10.11

Y7 v Frederick Gough Thursday 20.10.11

Y9s v Frederick Gough Thursday 20.10.11

Y9 v St. Lawrence - TBC

NETBOOKS (Gateway) – WHAT TO DO IF A PROBLEM OCCURS:-

Most pupils at Brumby are now enjoying the benefits of their Netbook, at school and at home. If you wish to find out more about getting your own Netbook to use, please collect a leaflet from Reception.

Accidents and problems, however, do occur and there are some points to remember if anything happens to your Netbook. Most importantly:-

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO FIX THE PROBLEM YOURSELF! **DO NOT TAMPER WITH THE MACHINE IN ANY WAY! DOING SO COULD VOID THE INSURANCE COVER, WHICH YOU HAVE PAID FOR.**

If you encounter any user problems, logging-on, etc, please **let your teacher know**, they will contact the **School IT Helpdesk** for you and arrange for your Netbook to be looked at – usually whilst you are present.

If an accident occurs, the screen is cracked or a key becomes damaged for example, please DO NOT TRY TO FIX THE PROBLEM YOURSELF, go to the Reception Desk as soon as you are able and tell them you wish to report some damage to your Netbook.

They will ask the Finance staff to complete an Insurance Claim Form with you. The general information required includes –

Full description on how the damage occurred;
The time and place the damage occurred;
Who discovered the damage and what damage occurred;
Or a full description if a theft has occurred.

You will need to leave your Netbook with the Finance staff. They will contact the Insurance Company and submit your claim. If the Insurance Company decide the claim is successful, your Netbook will be collected from the school to be repaired. *If the Insurance Company do not accept the Claim, and believe the damage to be malicious, or not covered under their terms & conditions, any repairs will need to be arranged by the school and any charges will be paid for by yourselves. Or, the Netbook will be withdrawn.*

Once fixed, the Netbook will be returned to the school and the IT Helpdesk will re-set your login details. You will be asked to collect your Netbook and can begin using it again.

Obviously this whole process can take up to several weeks, when you will not have your Netbook. So, please take extra care with this delicate piece of equipment, always carry it in the padded bag provided. When not in use, store it in your locker or somewhere secure and safe. Do not let other people use your Netbook. Be aware of the surroundings you use your Netbook in, to prevent accidents happening.

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR NETBOOK – PLEASE LOOK AFTER IT !!

If you have a second incident, and need to claim again on the Insurance Policy a further charge may be payable by you, this is because the Netbook value covered is £200. If your first claim uses, for example £144 to replace a cracked screen & diagnostic testing, there will only be a small amount left towards any further damage. You, the user would then be liable for additional costs. However, to reinstate the full insurance value on your Netbook for further claims a charge of £10-£15 will be payable to the Insurance Company – we will contact you/your parents when applicable.

Brumby School Council

This term we have elected our Council representatives for the forthcoming year and held 2 meetings. We will be looking into recycling on our new school site and raising money for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust. If you have any ideas to help fundraise or want to help please get in touch with your Reps or Mrs Taylor!

Two year 9 council reps have also designed and delivered a presentation to year 7 students on 'Road Safety' as part of our 'Keeping safe' Focus Group.

Here are some tips for Students to keep safe now that the nights are drawing in:

- Beware of the dangers of distractions; ipods, texting, phoning or even chatting to friends while walking are big distractions.
- Try and practice judging the speed and distance of approaching vehicles on busy roads and identify safe gaps in the traffic.
- Don't ever push your friends onto the road for a joke.
- Concentrate and be careful at all times, you never know what is round the corner!
- Cyclists wear a cycle helmet, and something fluorescent and reflective to improve your visibility.
- Never to take lifts on the back of a friend's bike.
- Never to listen to music while you are cycling, you cannot hear oncoming traffic.
- If you cycle make sure you understand and obey all traffic signs and traffic light signals.

If you want anything to be brought up in the School Council please speak to your form representative!

Design Technology - Photos from the recent Year 7 Design Hub Workshop

CALENDER DATES 2011-2012

Thursday 20th October 2011	-	School closes for half term
Friday 21st October 2011	-	Staff Training Day
Monday 31st October 2011	-	School re-opens
Tuesday 22nd November 2011	-	Year 7 Parents Evening
Thursday 24th November 2011	-	Year 8 Parents Evening
Tuesday 29th November 2011	-	Year 9 Parents Evening
Thursday 1st December 2011	-	Year 10 Parents Evening
Thursday 8th December 2011	-	Year 7 visit - Pantomime
Tuesday 13th December to		
Tuesday 20th December 2011	-	Year 11 Mock Exams
Thursday 15th December 2011	-	Christmas Celebration Concert
Tuesday 20th December 2011	-	End of Term
Tuesday 3rd January 2012	-	Staff Training Day
Wednesday 4th January 2012	-	School re-opens
Thursday 26th January 2012	-	Year 11 Parents Evening
Friday 10th February 2012	-	School closes for half term
Monday 20th February 2012	-	School re-opens