

BRUMBY BULLETIN



Message from Dr. Clark

Dear Parents,

Welcome to another year at Brumby!

We have opened in September with all teaching areas now finished and the school looking first class. All that remains to be done is the completion of pathways, covered walkways and some gardens landscaping. We are hopeful that this will all be completed in the next week or two.

I hope that those of you who were able to come to our Open Evening enjoyed what you saw. At Brumby we can now provide an education which is second to none. Not only do we have first class buildings but a committed and talented teaching staff.

Can I pay a particularly warm welcome to parents who have just joined us. This bulletin is updated every month with school news. Please check your children's bags to check it has not been misplaced.

Exam Results

After last year's leap in exam results I did expect that we would see a drop backwards but in fact we managed to maintain performance. The percentage of children who gained 5 A* - C grades was 78.67%. In 2010 it was 82.43%. This is a very encouraging result because nationally, across all schools, the average was 70%.

Therefore for children who come to our school with below average performance to leave our school achieving almost 10% above the national average is a real achievement.

Our 5 A* - C including English and Maths results were virtually the same as in 2010. Our 2010 percentage was 35.49 and in 2011 it was 35.33. What was significant here was the number of pupils gaining C+ grades in English at nearly 55% of the school year group. The focus for the coming year is to improve our Maths results to reach this high level.

Science results continue to improve and were our best scores ever achieved. 82.31% of the year group gained at least 2 A* - C grades in Science. In 2010 the figure was 79.82%.

At Brumby we lay great stress on the importance of the use of computers and ICT. This year 79.82% of our students gained at least 2 C+ grades in ICT (Information, Communication Technology). Last year the figure was 82.31% so all in all we have to be pleased with the success of our students. There is more to be done, as there always is and we are closely focused on what we need to do to continue to raise standards.

Dr. T. G. Clark

School Lunches

This information applies particularly to students in years 7 and 8. When we first opened our new dining room we found it difficult to serve all of the children during the lunch period which was 1.00 p.m. to 1.40 p.m., so we developed a two sitting system where Years 7 and 8 came in for their lunch mid-way through lesson 4 at 12.40 p.m. and then continued lesson 4 after lunch had been taken. This meant that all children had plenty of time to eat their meal and enabled the younger children to go to lunch early without being harassed by the older students.

What I now propose to do is to allow Year 7 children in to lunch 10 minutes earlier at 12.50 p.m. and Year 8 children in to lunch 6 minutes earlier at 12.55 p.m. The rest of the school will come to take lunch at 1.00 p.m.

This way there will be no need to do half of lesson 4 before lunch and the remainder after lunch.

We are hoping to begin this as a pilot activity in the next few weeks.

Any comments from parents are very welcome.

Dr. T. G. Clark

Lunchtime Passes

School Safeguarding procedures clearly state that we should know the whereabouts of our students at all times.

If you wish your child to leave the school site at lunchtime then you must send us a letter confirming this together with a small head and shoulders photo signed so that we can produce a lunchtime pass.

If your child leaves the site at lunchtime without a dinner pass then an immediate school detention will be issued for the following day. This also applies to students who have a pass and have forgotten to bring it.

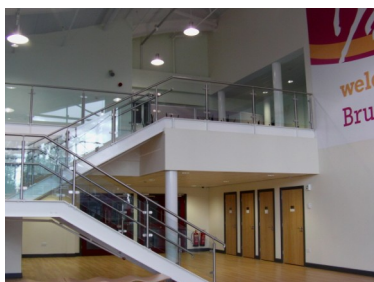
NO PASS NO EXIT!!!!!!

Mrs. A. Janisch - Vice Principal

I have attached to this issue a copy of our Home School Agreement for Parents. I would ask that we all work together to make sure that the principles set out in this agreement are adhered to at our school.

I continually stress the importance for parents and school to work together and this agreement shows how this can be brought about.

Dr. Clark



Our new School Reception Area

Trip to Germany

Mrs. Clarkson is organising an educational visit to Germany which will take place from the 13th to the 16th July. We will be visiting the Mosel Valley and going for a boat trip and a cable lift ride as well as spending a whole day at Phantasialand theme park. The total cost of the trip is £275.00 with a £55 non-refundable deposit. It is opened to years 7, 8 and 9. Letters are available from Mrs. Clarkson and places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Mrs. Clarkson



ATTENDANCE - Frequently Asked Questions

What do I do if my child is ill and can't come to school?

Please telephone the school before 9.30am on the first day of your child's absence and **each morning** afterwards until they return to school.

What time does school start?

The first bell goes at 8.25am and school starts promptly at 8.30am when the gates will be locked. If your child arrives after this a 10 minute break time detention will be given which they must attend or a C3 and after school detention will be issued. If you know your child will be late please telephone the school to let us know to avoid a detention being issued.

What if my child becomes ill during the school day?

If your child feels unwell at school they must see their Learning Manager. They will decide whether they should be sent home. The

school will then contact the parent/carer to advise that they consider it best that their child returns home. Students must not contact parents directly.

What if I need my child to come home during the school day?

Please contact the main office who will make arrangements for your child to be withdrawn from their class. Again we request that parents do not contact their child directly to leave school.

Can I take my child out of school for a holiday during term time?

We do not authorise holidays during term unless there are special/exceptional circumstances. Any holidays taken in term time will have an impact on your child's education and we will enforce the North Lincolnshire Council policy on holidays during term time.

What should my child's attendance be?

Our target for attendance is 95% which is equal to no more than 10 days absence in an academic year.

Attendance below this will be looked into. Persistent absence is 85% and will be dealt with by the Education Welfare Service.

Who can I contact about my child's attendance?

We have two attendance officers at Brumby, Mrs Baker who works with KS4 and Mrs Renton who works with KS3. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns you may have.

Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Renton

CALENDAR DATES

Thursday 20th October 2011	-	School Closes for Half Term break
Monday 31st October 2011	-	School Re-Opens
Tuesday 22nd November 2011	-	Year 7 Parents Consultation Evening
Thursday 25th November 2011	-	Year 8 Parents Consultation Evening
Tuesday 29th November 2011	-	Year 9 Parents Consultation Evening
Thursday 1st December 2011	-	Year 10 Parents Consultation Evening
Tuesday 13th to Friday 16th December	-	Year 11 Mock Examinationos
Tuesday 20th December 2011	-	End of Term
Wednesday 4th January 2012	-	School re-opens for students.

Name:

Home-College Agreement



The college:

As a college, we will do our best to:

- Provide a safe, well ordered and caring environment
- Have a clearly stated, published behaviour policy
- Provide a balanced and challenging curriculum which meets the needs of every child
- Provide students with high quality teaching and a variety of enrichment activities
- Encourage all students to work to the best of their ability
- Set and mark homework regularly
- Provide parents/carers with regular reports and meetings on student progress
- Listen to and respond quickly to any concerns students or parents/carers may have
- Contact parents/carers promptly should a problem arise
- Keep parents/carers informed about the college
- Value and respect all students as individuals

Signed..... (Principal) Date

Students:

As a student, I will do my best to:

- Work to the best of my ability at all times
- Attend college regularly, on time and in full school uniform
- Come to college with all the equipment I need
- Follow the school's 'Code of Conduct'
- Co-operate with teachers
- Record and complete all my homework on time
- Adopt a positive attitude towards, and participate fully in, the life of the school
- Show respect for others both in and out of school
- Respect the school environment and the, local community
- Keep my planner up to date and make sure that books are properly used and looked after
- Use appropriate language when speaking to others
- Be responsible for taking communications to and from school and home

Signed..... (Student) Date

Parents/Carers:



As parents/carers, we will do our best to:

- Ensure that our child attends college regularly, on time and in full school uniform
- Ensure he/she is properly prepared each day to take part in the life of the college
- Encourage him/her to have a positive attitude to school
- Encourage him/her always to do his/her best
- Ensure that he/she has all the necessary equipment and kit required
- Take an interest in his/her education by encouraging him/her to complete homework on time and provide other opportunities for learning
- Keep the college informed about any problems which might affect his/her learning
- Attend Academic Reviews and Parents' Meetings
- Support the school and its policies as fully as possible, including with regard to after college detention
- Read all correspondence from the school and respond quickly when necessary

Signed..... (Parent/carer)

Date.....

Governors:

As the Governors of the college, we will do our best to:

- Seek financial efficiency and value for money
- Draw up and publish a full set of school policies
- Consult with and report to parents/carers
- Ensure compliance with statutory obligations, including health and safety regulations
- Monitor and review all aspects of the College's work

Signed..... (Chair of Governors)

Date.....

“Teachers open the door but you must walk through it yourself”