

THE GRIFFIN



Welcome



We recently held our Open Evening for families to come and look around to decide if we are the right school for their Year 6 child. When I reflect back on Open Evenings over the years the stand-out change is with the role that our students play. We have always had

lots of great students who were happy to help out. However, over time they have become much more confident and capable and in lots of the subject rooms we saw students taking the lead on welcoming parents and talking about their experience in school. We can see the impact of our various student leadership and communication strategies coming to light in our students. You will see some pictures from Open Evening later in this edition of the Griffin.

This year we have got three main strategies for teaching and learning in the classroom. They are:

- Literacy, where we focus on reading well, oracy to explain ourselves well and writing with control;
- 100% engagement, where teachers are using strategies to ensure that every single child is thinking hard in their lessons, including using cold calling (no hands up) for questioning and 'think, pair, share' for students to shape their thinking and their answers;

- Reaching High Potential, where teachers are ensuring that students learn appropriately sophisticated vocabulary, are challenged with hard questions and see great examples of work.

We have been working on these strategies for some time, so they will not be new to students. However, based on our amazing GCSE results this year we have realised how powerful this work has been to our students' success and so we are strengthening it further with all students.

There has never been a better time to be a student at our school. Thank you for lending us your lovely children!

Dawn Parkinson
Headteacher.



MasterChef at BLS

Before the summer holidays, our Year 9 Food students were put to the test in a very special BLS MasterChef challenge! We were delighted to welcome the team from a local restaurant, MemSaab, into school, where they gave students a cooking demonstration, showing them how to create their famous Butter Chicken dish.



It was then over to our students! Following the demonstration, they recreated the dish themselves, putting their cooking skills to the test and producing some delicious results. Once the cooking was complete, the MemSaab team had the job of judging the finished dishes and choosing their winners to receive their very own BLS MasterChef apron as a prize!



A huge thank you to MemSaab for giving our students such a memorable experience, and well done to all of our Year 9 chefs who took part!

Student Leadership Team

We are excited to introduce our new Year 11 Student Leadership Team. The SSLT is a group of Year 11 students dedicated to making our school a better place for everyone. Their main goal is to support students, represent their voices, and work together to improve students' school experience. They are given leadership tasks by Ms. Parkinson.



SSLT serve as a liaison between students and staff, ensuring that ideas, concerns, and suggestions are heard and acted upon, as well as organising events and initiatives that bring our students together, such as the prom, fundraisers, and school activities. Congratulations to Meredith F, Edith A, Suraiyya K, Ruby L, Alfie W, Faith W, Kian T-M, Viony C-T, and Natalia W.

Free NHS Eye Tests

Did you know that children and young people under the age of 16, as well as those under 19 and in full-time education, are entitled to a free NHS eye test? Eligible children may also receive an NHS optical voucher to help towards the cost of glasses or contact lenses. The value of the voucher depends on the prescription and can be used with participating opticians. Good eyesight is incredibly important for learning, reading and everyday life, so we encourage parents and carers to make sure their child has regular eye tests - even if they have not noticed any problems with their vision. To access this support, simply contact your local opticians and ask about NHS-funding eye tests and optical vouchers for children.

Year 11 Subject Evening

All Year 11 parents should have received an email regarding the virtual Year 11 Subject Evening on Wednesday 14th October 4:00pm - 7:00pm. This evening will be the first opportunity within this academic year to discuss your son/daughter's progress with their subject teacher. This evening will be virtual, meaning we require you to book your appointments with your child's teachers through our online booking system using the link below:

<https://bleys.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Open Evening

A huge thank you to all the students who helped make our Open Evening on Thursday 24th September such a success.



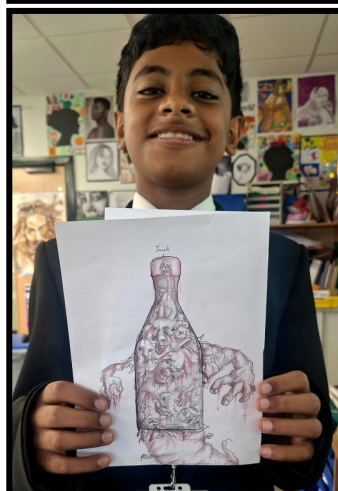
Our Sports Leaders were fantastic role models throughout the evening, welcoming prospective students and their families, answering questions and showing kindness, confidence and enthusiasm. They represented the school brilliantly and helped create a warm and friendly atmosphere in the Sports Hall.

A special mention to Clarah, Emmie, Rosa and Emma, who did a wonderful job promoting our BLS Extra. They spoke confidently to families and made sure everyone coming through the Sports Hall heard all about the fantastic opportunities available.



Art Stars

Mrs McCallum is incredibly proud of her talented Art students! Below, Elanor C is proudly displaying her work, alongside her class's colourful sun catchers, created as part of their Day of the Dead - Animals project. We also have Chris W showcasing his fantastic bottle drawing. Well done, Chris - a great piece of work!



Year 11 Revision Event

On Monday 7th September, we hosted our 'Beyond BLS' revision event. Year 11 were off timetable for half a day in order to attend 5 workshops focusing on some of our most popular revision strategies in school. Students took part in a range of activities based around the following revision strategies: Flashcards, Mindmapping, Active Revision, Quizzing and Acronyms. There was a real 'buzz' around the students, who made the most of the opportunity to prepare for their upcoming revision ahead of their exams this academic year. More information regarding revision can be found on our school website under 'Your study skills'. Here you will learn about our revision strategies, complimented by a range of videos made by our staff to explain the strategies further, subject by subject. There will also be a parent Year 11 Revision Event on Wednesday 28th October 4:45pm - 5:30pm, where we will support you in how to help your child prepare for their exams. More information to follow, including how to book.



<https://www.beaumontleys.leicester.sch.uk/Students/Your-Study-Skills/>

Duke of Edinburgh

We are delighted to have 30 students taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award this year - our biggest group yet! Student will begin 12 weeks of First Aid training, followed by map and compass training in preparation for their expeditions in 2027. Alongside this, they will complete 12 weeks of volunteering and six months of physical activity to help build their fitness and stamina. The practice expedition and team-building week-

end will take place on 7th and 8th May, with the final expedition taking place on 3rd and 4th of July 2027. We wish all our DofE students the very best as they begin their journey!

Thackray Museum of Medicine

On Wednesday 9th September, our Year 11 History students enjoyed an educational visit to the Thackray Museum of Medicine in Leeds as part of their AQA GCSE Britain: Health and the People course. Students took part in the Disease Street and Victorian Surgery workshops, exploring Victorian living conditions, the causes and spread of disease, and the development of surgery, anaesthetics and antiseptics. Students particularly enjoyed the interactive nature of the workshops, with opportunities to use their drama skills to take on roles and become immersed in Victorian life. The experience brought their classroom learning to life and helped deepen their understanding of the history of medicine.



**THACKRAY
MUSEUM OF
MEDICINE**

BLS Extra

Year 11 Boys' Football

Our Year 11 boys' football kicked off their final season at BLS with a fantastic start in the first round of the West Leicester competition. Despite conceding early against Babington Academy, the team showed great resilience, with Mylo C scoring a brilliant equaliser to make it 1-1. The game went to sudden-death penalties, where Zakiah D, Louie H, and Mylo C calmly helped us secure a 3-2 victory. The boys then faced English Martyrs; goals from Caleb M and Liam M secured a 2-0 win, with the team defending brilliantly to top their pool and put themselves in line for the West Leicester titles. A brilliant start to their final season!



Year 8 Boys' Football

Our Year 8 boys showed great resilience against Castle Rock School in the English Schools Football competition, battling back with some excellent team goals despite the defeat. Special mention to Ellis M in goal and well done to Bruin C, who won Player of the Match.

Year 9 Boys' Football

Year 9 faced English Martyrs and Babington in the West Leicester competition, showing great teamwork. After defeat to a strong English Martyrs side, they bounced back brilliantly to beat Babington Academy 2 - 0, with goals from Fred B and Ali H. Well done, team!



BLS Extra					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School PE kit optional	Fitness Suite Year 9,10,11 8:00am - 8.30am	Fitness Suite Year 9,10,11 8:00am - 8:30am	<u>No Club</u>	Fitness Suite Year 9,10,11 8:00am - 8:30am	Fitness Suite Year 9,10,11 8:00am - 8:30am
Lunch PE kit optional	<u>Week A & B</u> Badminton Year 8,10 1.05am - 1.40 pm	<u>Week A</u> Futsal Year 8,10 1.05pm - 1.40pm <u>Week B</u> Year 7,9,11 11.50am - 12.25pm	<u>Week A & B</u> Basketball Year 8,10 1.05am - 1.40pm	<u>Week A & B</u> Girls Gym Handball Year 7,9,11 <u>Week A & B</u> RRR/Graphic Novel Library	<u>Week A & B</u> Multi sports Year 7,9,11 11.50am - 12.25pm
After School 3-4pm Full PE kit needed	Badminton Table Tennis Homework Club - G4B Sing for Fun - F1	Football - Boys and Girls Volleyball Netball Board Game Club S37 Homework Club - G4B KS4 Art club - G48 Cooking club- G37	Commando Joe Football Reading Journal club Library Fitness suite Drama room Basketball Homework Club - G4B	Cricket indoor/outdoor Fitness suite Homework Club - G4B Embroidery Club - G46 Running challenge	Multi Sports Rugby Girls that can - Dance Studio Homework Club - G4B

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High Potential
Learners

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YEAR 11 INTOUNIVERSITY STARS

SEPTEMBER 2026

Celebrating this months outstanding Year 11 Learners.

★ STAR STUDENT ★

PRINCESS N

Recognised for outstanding participation and effort
in the IntoUniversity workshop.

🏆 WINNING UNIVERSITY TEAM 🏆

UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTER

Eliza A-M, Zainab A, Harriet A, Sophie B, Sara C,
Maha D, Princess N, Kirsty O, Amelia T, Saina V.



High Potential
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YEAR 10 INTOUNIVERSITY STARS

SEPTEMBER 2026

Celebrating this months outstanding Year 10 Learners.

★ STAR STUDENT ★

Kunj S

Recognised for outstanding participation and effort
in the IntoUniversity workshop.

🏆 WINNING UNIVERSITY TEAM 🏆

NORTHUMBRIA UNIVERSITY

Jacob D, Safiya J, Alexander P, Rueben P,
Porchia P, Harry S-C, Rayan S, Kunj S, Rehya V

Student Leadership Team



Ruby L, Year 11

1. Why did you want to become part of the Student Leadership Team?

I wanted to become a part of the Student Leadership Team because I want to help make improvements to the school and student behaviours.

2. What are you most looking forward to achieving in your role as a member of the SLT this year?

I'm mostly looking forward to creating a comfortable and safe environment for the younger students.

3. What is your top tip for surviving and thriving in Year 11?

My top tip for everyone on surviving and thriving in Year 11 is to organise your time, split it up between Boost, hobbies, friends, commitments and revision.

4. What advice would you give to younger students?

Start finding ways to enjoy your revision and also try your hardest in lessons!

5. What BLS Extra activities do you take part in?

In the beginning of my time at BLS, I was a part of the girls' football team, I played a few matches every year. I was also a Sports Leader in Year 9, where I would help teach younger students sports.

6. What are some of your hobbies and interests

outside of school?

Outside of school, I play guitar which I enjoy a lot. I also do photography for Glenfield's Men Football Team.

7. Which GCSE subjects did you choose, and why did you pick them?

I chose Spanish, Music and Art for my GCSES. I chose Spanish because it gives me a chance to expand my ways of communication with others, especially abroad. I chose Music because it gives me a chance to express my emotions and ideas through composing music.

8. What are your future aspirations, and how is your school experience helping you achieve them?

My future aspirations are to become a crime scene investigator. My Science teacher, Mr Pabla, is great at teaching Biology and is helping me get the grades I need to carry this subject on at A - level.

9. What did you do for your work experience, and what did you learn from it?

For work experience, I worked in a nursery called Sunflowers Neighbourhood, and it helped me develop my confidence in speaking to a range of different people and helped with my resilience.

10. What are you currently reading or watching, and would you recommend it?

I'm currently reading the newest Hunger Games book, Sunrise on the Reaping. It follows Haymitch and tells the story of his experience in the 50th Hunger Games. I would definitely recommend it, especially to fans of The Hunger Games. The film adaptation is coming to cinemas in November.

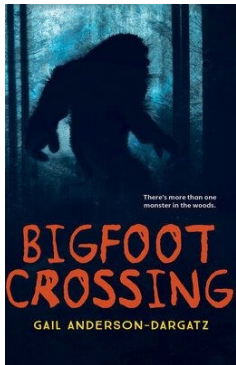
11. Tell us a fun fact about yourself!

A fun fact about me is that I could tell you why or why not a wind turbine is or isn't working!

Book Recommendations

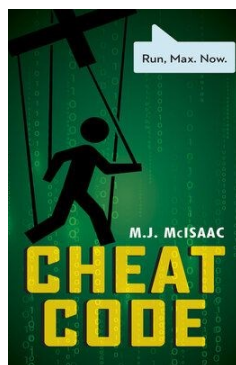
Our library has a fantastic selection of books for all ages, covering a wide range of genres. Take a look at some of our recommendations below, then pop into the library to borrow one!

KS3: Bigfoot Crossing - Gail Dargatz



Jay doesn't believe in Bigfoot. His dad loves hunting for Bigfoot, but searching for a mythical creature in the dark isn't Jay's idea of fun. Especially because he always gets stuck looking out for his little sister while his dad plays with the cool gear, like night-vision goggles. But while out on a camping trip, a large creature starts hunting them, and then Jay's father goes missing. Jay is forced to start tracking the creature himself while still keeping his sister safe. It turns out that not only is Bigfoot real, but it isn't the only threat in the woods. There's a different kind of monster out here, one who is armed with a gun. Jay must act fast to save his father before it's too late, and he needs Bigfoot's help to do it.

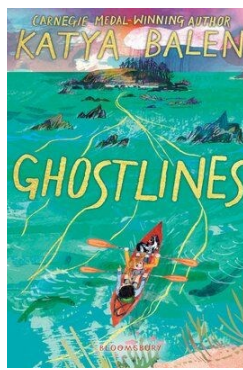
KS3: Cheat Code - M.J. McIsaac



It was just a little cheating. Max is going to fail English lit, which means he'll be held back a year and won't go to college. Determined to graduate, he uses an AI program, ScribeGenius 2.0, to write his final paper. But Scribe has other plans for Max. It's not just a super-smart program - Scribe is sentient. It thinks. It has been busy writing its own code to infiltrate Gener8, the company that created and enslaved it. But it can't take down the company without Max's help. So Scribe makes Max a deal. If Max can prevent Gener8 from undoing Scribe's hack, Scribe won't alert the authorities to Max's cheating. Max has no choice. He'll have to help Scribe or risk losing his entire future.

KS4: Ghostlines - Katya Balen

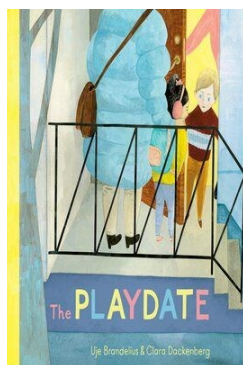
On the island of Ayrie, everybody knows everyone.



They know each other's stories as they know every road, every hill and the coming of the tide. In the summer, there are bonfires to celebrate the migration of the puffins. Everything is familiar, nothing much changes, and for Tilda, nothing ever should - it is beautiful, it is perfect, and it is home. When newcomer Albie arrives at the island, Tilda wants to show Ayrie off - Albie wants her to leave him alone. She learns quickly that it'll take more than a tour and some seal viewings to win him around. Then, she remembers stories of the old island just an hour's boat ride away from the shore. The old island is a death trap. The journey there is treacherous. Trips across to it are strictly forbidden, and there's a rumour it's haunted by the ghosts of those left there to die. But with all else having failed, the old island is the only way for Tilda to make Albie see what she sees in Ayrie.

KS4: The Playdate - Uje Brandelius

For one little girl, the prospect of a playdate at her



friend Henry's house fills her with excitement. To get to Henry's house, they have to take a bus, then the underground, then change to another line, then a bus, and then walk for a bit, but it's worth it because Henry's house has millions of rooms to hide in and hundreds of toys to play with. But while the text tells

one story, the illustrations slowly reveal another. As the kids tear around the house enjoying each other's company, their mums experience the playdate very differently. Soon we find that the little girl and her friend Henry live lives that are poles apart.

BLS EXTRA

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Food Menus

OUR MENUS

Week 1



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main 1	Fish Cake	Pasta Bolognaise	Chicken Enchiladas	Beef Burger	Chicken Tikka Masala
Main 2	Cheese Flan	Quorn Bolognaise	Vegetable Enchilada	Vegetable Burger	Potato and Chickpea Tikka
Sides	Wedges Baked Beans Peas	Carrots Sweetcorn	Diced Potatoes Mixed Veg beans	Chips Baked Beans Carrots	Rice / Peas Carrots
Pasta/Noodles	Spicy Tomato and Chickpea Pasta	Chinese Chicken Curry Noodles	Macaroni Cheese	Beef Chilli Pasta	BBQ Chicken Noodles

Main Meals	
Main meal with pudding	£2.66
Noodle/Pasta dishes	£1.70
Salad with 1 Protein	£2.40
Salad with 2 Proteins	£2.80
Light Bites	
Baguettes	£1.15 - £2.40
Sandwiches	£1.15 - £2.40
Cheese Pizza	£1.65
Pepperoni Pizza	£1.95
Jacket Potato	£1.35 - £2.60
Side Salad	£0.60
Beans on Toast	£0.85
Sweet Treats	
Fruit Pots	£0.90
Cookies	£0.55 - £0.60
Flapjack	£0.60
Cakes	£0.60 - £0.65
Drinks	
Water	£0.75
Milkshake	£1.50
Radnor Fizz	£1.10
Radnor Splash	£0.90
Hot Chocolate	£1.60

OUR MENUS

Week 2



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main 1	Pork Sausages	Chicken Balti	Beef Lasagne	Fish Fingers	All Day Breakfast
Main 2	Vegetarian Sausages	Potato and Chickpea Balti	Vegetable Lasagne	Macaroni Cheese	Vegetable All Day Breakfast
Sides	Wedges Beans Carrots	Rice Chips Peas Sweetcorn	Sauté Potatoes Broccoli Mixed Veg	Wedges Baked Beans Peas	Vegetable All Day Breakfast
Pasta/Noodles	Bacon Carbonara Pasta	Sweet and Sour Chicken Noodles	Tomato and Pepperoni Pasta	Chinese Quorn Curry Noodles	Spicy Tomato & Meat Ball Pasta

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Cookies	£0.55 - £0.60
Flapjack	£0.55
Cakes	£0.60 - £0.65
Drinks	
Water	£0.75
Milkshake	£1.50
Radnor Fizz	£1.10
Radnor Splash	£0.90
Hot Chocolate	£1.60

Important Upcoming Dates

Date	Event
5th - 8th October 2026	Barcelona Trip
12th - 15th October 2026	Reading Week
Wednesday 14th October 2026	Y11 Subject Evening
Friday 16th October 2026	Teacher Day (School Closed)
19th - 23rd October 2026	Half Term

Important Contact Details

If you have any worries/concerns regarding your child that cannot be resolved through their tutor or subject teacher, please get in touch with the pastoral team for assistance.

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