

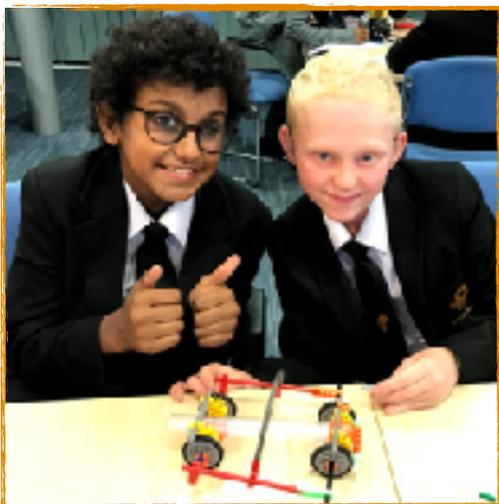


# Braidwood School

Respect, Honesty, Effort

## STEM Project

On Tuesday the 18th Sept, five students from our school were invited to take part in an exciting STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Maths) project at the Coventry Transport Museum. The students had an opportunity to learn about the Bloodhound project, which involves developing one of the fastest cars on Earth, travelling faster than the speed of sound! They explored the Museum and took part in a workshop putting everything they learned into developing a super fast car of their own. The final test came when they were involved in racing their cars against other students from schools across the Midlands. Our students came a respectful 2nd and 3rd place. Well done - a superb achievement!



## Headteacher's Message

A new school year! We all love a new start, the opportunity to try again, to push forward with plans and refresh ourselves with new projects. At Braidwood we have a new Development Plan and one of the most important aspects is Good mental health and wellbeing. I would like to encourage all families to think carefully about this and the effect on a young person when their family cannot communicate with them.

I am aware that quite a large number of parents cannot hold a conversation in sign language with their child.

I would ask that if you are reading this newsletter and know that perhaps your own communication skills are not enough to know and discuss the thoughts of your child with them, please contact me and together perhaps the school can help you to improve your signing skills.



*Learners enjoyed seeing one of the fastest cars on Earth.*

## Sixth Form Bursary

If you have a child in the sixth form who is applying for a sixth form 16-19 bursary, please make sure they hand their form in to the office as soon as possible please.

This will enable your child to apply for financial support to help them to overcome barriers so that they can remain in education.



## House Points

Well done to the highest house point achievers last week:

- 1) Liban
- 2) Hasanur
- 3) Abiram

A great achievement!



## Key Stage 4/5 Careers Day

There are five PE groups this year - 'Panthers', 'Lions', 'Leopards', 'Jaguars' and 'Tigers'. Each group will have 6 weeks of tuition in a different sport. Over the year, pupils will have rugby, swimming, dance, football and tennis lessons in rotation. We are extremely lucky to have very skilled teachers in these areas - the rugby sessions will be led by Wasps RFC, Mrs Cuffaro is a trained dance teacher and Mr Manoochchri plays football for the Deaf FA. Our swimming lessons are held at Erdington Swimming Pool and tennis lessons are led by a trained coach at Sutton Tennis Club.

You will be informed by letter before your child has a half term of swimming so they bring in their kit. This term, the Jaguar group have got off to a flying start in the pool. Please

be aware that your child will need a swimming costume at some point during the year.



## Staff for our School Bank

For the past two years, we have linked with HSBC to support your children in setting up a bank account. This becomes particularly useful to them when they need to have a bank account to receive their 16-19 bursary. We try to educate our young people in the importance of saving for the future. The school bank opens termly, when a HSBC rep comes into school. On this day, pupils can deposit money. Obviously they can do this at their local HSBC branch too.

The bank is run by HSBC and four of our pupils. The new year has started and the hunt for a new school team begins. There are four positions to be filled. The school bank needs a Manager, Cashier, Recorder and Marketing Manger. If your child is interested, please see Miss Butt. More details will be coming soon! This is a great opportunity for pupils and looks great on their CVs!

## What's happening?

### This week

Mon 24/9/18	Year 8a Trip to Tesco
Tues 25/9/18	KS3 Mosaic Project linked to Kew Gardens 'Grow Wild' StarTalker Speech and Language Therapist, Nicola D'Urso, in school working with select pupils
Wed 26/9/18	Year 8b Trip to Tesco A Deaf dance group will give a short demonstration to our learners and ask for feedback.
Thurs 27/9/18	
Fri 28/9/18	PE - Please make sure that your child has the correct kit.

### Next week

Mon 1/10/18	
Tues 2/10/18	Loudmouth Theatre Company working with Year 9 & 10 to bring PSHCE issues to life and aid discussions. StarTalker Speech and Language Therapist, Nicola D'Urso, in school working with select pupils
Wed 3/10/18	Selected pupils to visit Sealife Centre as part of their English lesson
Thurs 4/10/18	
Fri 5/10/18	PE - Please make sure that your child has the correct kit.

### Break Time Snacks

Please think about sending your child in with a healthy snack at break time (e.g. fruit, cereal bar, small sandwich etc). This will save your child queuing in the dining hall to buy food.

As we try to encourage healthy lifestyles, please do not send snacks which are high in sugar and salt (such as crisps or chocolate).

Next week, Mrs Weston will be selling fruit in her room at break time which is usually priced between 15-20p. Thank you for your support.

