

Principal's Bulletin



Welcome to the first version of the Principal's Bulletin. This publication provides me with an opportunity to update you on all the exciting developments and changes at the school. We will be publishing the first school magazine at the end of this term, celebrating the achievements of our students and staff, and reporting on the trips and events that have taken place.

The new academic year is now in full flow. Year 7 have settled in very well to life at IES Breckland and Years 8 to 11 have adapted well to the increasing challenges as they progress through the school.

The introduction of horizontal mentor groups has been seamless, as have the recent changes to our communication methods between school and home. Please do contact the school if you need any help with Go 4 Schools; Mr Gower would be happy to assist.

I am always open to suggestions about how the school could operate more effectively, so I was delighted to welcome more than twenty parents to the first Principal's Coffee Morning. The next event will be held on Tuesday 15th October from 9am until 11am.

In order to ensure the school continues to build upon the existing high standards, we have produced a comprehensive plan for the next three years which focuses on the following areas:

- further developing links with the community
- further improving communication between school and home
- reviewing our curriculum, ensuring we further develop our students' knowledge, character and skills to become effective lifelong learners, rather than simply just focusing on exam performance
- further improving our teaching, encouraging our teachers to be brave and ambitious
- ensuring our students acquire the personal skills to thrive in an ever-changing world.

Thank you once again for your amazing support and for ensuring your children are such a credit to you and themselves in their appearance and the way they conduct themselves within school.



GCSE Results 2019

We were pleased to report another set of positive GCSE examination results and delighted with the progress our students have made, with 54% of students achieving a grade 4 or above in English and mathematics.

We were particularly pleased with our science results, where 70% of students achieved a grade 4 or higher with a quarter of students gaining a grade 7 or above. In English, 61% of students achieved a grade 4 or higher and in mathematics 63% of students achieved a grade 4 or above. The significant increase in the number of top grades demonstrates our high expectations and the hard work and determination of staff and students.

We are incredibly proud of all of our students and the outcomes they have achieved, especially Marianna Birkett and Sophia Dubery who achieved seven or more grade 9s including mathematics and English, as well as Millie Ball, Adam Moore, Martyna Ragauskaite and Josh Stayton who also secured outstanding GCSE results.

We would like to congratulate the students on their GCSE results and wish them every success in the future.



Principal's Coffee Mornings

Please feel free to book a slot between 9am and 11am to meet both myself key members of school staff. We are happy to provide you with a guided tour of the school as well as coffee and biscuits.

This is an opportunity for you to give us feedback about how we are doing and the changes you think would help us improve.

Community Update

Brandon Town Community Football Club

I am delighted to announce our partnership with Brandon Town Community FC.

Following considerable work on our playing field, which included the removal of the disused artificial cricket wicket, Brandon Town Community FC will play a selection of their home games at the school.



Adult Learning

IES Breckland is working closely with West Suffolk College to provide adult learning opportunities in English and maths from January 2020. Information about introductory taster sessions will follow.

IES Breckland Judo Club

We are hoping that Happidojo Judo Club will be running classes at IES Breckland on Monday evenings from 6.30pm. This will follow introductory taster sessions during PE lessons for Years 7 and 8.

Rotary Club Community Award

Presentation evening will include the Rotary Club Community Award for a student considered to have made an 'outstanding contribution to the community'. If you wish to nominate one of our students, please contact Mrs Woods at IES Breckland.

Staff Update

Welcome to our new staff, Miss Evans who replaces Mrs Bannister as Head of Science, Miss McDonnell who replaces Mrs Dicks as Cover Manager and Mr Souto our new DT Technician. We are currently advertising for an [Operations](#)

[Manager](#) to replace Mrs Pritchard who will be leaving us later this half-term.

We wish Mrs Dicks and Mrs Pritchard the best of luck in their new ventures.

Principal's Coffee Mornings

You are welcome to join us for an informal coffee morning from 9am-11am on:

Monday 16th September
Tuesday 15th October
Wednesday 20th November
Thursday 12th December

Please contact:
office@breckland.iesschools.co.uk
or 01842 819501 to make a reservation



Friends of IES Breckland

In conjunction with Tesco of Brandon, the [Friends of IES Breckland](#) are organising a 'Bingo & Booze Evening' with a licensed bar in the school hall on Friday 18th October (6pm-8pm).

Thank you to the [Friends of IES Breckland](#) whose work is greatly appreciated.

If you are interested in joining the Friends, please contact Mrs Woods at IES Breckland for more details.

SENCo Surgery

If you have any concerns regarding your child's Special Educational or Learning Needs, or have worries about how your child will cope with the demands of secondary school, you are welcome to attend one of the SENCo Surgeries, which are now a regular feature in the IES calendar.

Appointments are available with Miss Crumpler (SENCo), or feel free to drop-in for an informal chat with one of our Learning Support Assistants.

The next SENCo surgery will take place on Monday 28th October from 2pm-4pm. If you would like to attend, please call reception to book your place.

Dates for your diary...

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