

Brownlow Integrated College

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SPP Links Programme 2014

Whole School Photo



Year 12 students attended an awards ceremony at the Civic Centre on Thursday 1st May. BIC was again very successful this year with winners in the following categories: Diana Balde Childcare, Robert Wheatley Electrical, Scott Dellar -Catering; Adam Neill-Motor vehicles; Viktorija Stankeviciute-Hairdressing and Best in School Paige Patterson.

These are very prestigious awards, being contested by a number of different schools in the Area Learning Community.

Fifteen Brownlow College pupils also received awards for full attendance, the highest number of full attendance awards for any of the participating schools.

Awards were presented by Mr Brian Doran, Chief Executive(?) of SRC. Hannah Marlow, a past pupil of BIC, gave an address about the advantages of using the Links Programme as a pathway towards a career. Hannah has competed in a number of high profile hairdressing competitions at UK level and has won an Erasmus scholarship to Malta in the Summer of 2014.

Mr Mulholland appreciates the support of the classroom assistants, without whose endeavours such success would prove difficult to achieve. This year the support was given by Mrs Ellie Walker and Ms Pauline Green. Thanks also to Mr Mulholland for his hard work with the tech-link pupils. Below is Paige Patterson with her Best in School award, Diana Balde with her Childcare award and Hannah Marlow, past pupil.

Attention staff, parents and pupils... the whole school photograph is available to purchase at a price of £15. Please leave money to the school office by Friday 30th May to secure your copy. This would make a lovely keepsake for year 12 pupils who are in their final weeks at BIC and will want to look back at all of the kind and helpful staff who steered them through the last 5 years. Oh and they may want to remember their old classmates too!





On April 14th 2014, 276 girls were abducted from their school in Nigeria by a fundamentalist militant group known as Boko Haram. This group opposes the education of girls.



During the night-time attack more than 300 girls were kidnapped, but around 50 managed to escape by jumping off the back of the trucks as they drove into the Sambisa forest.



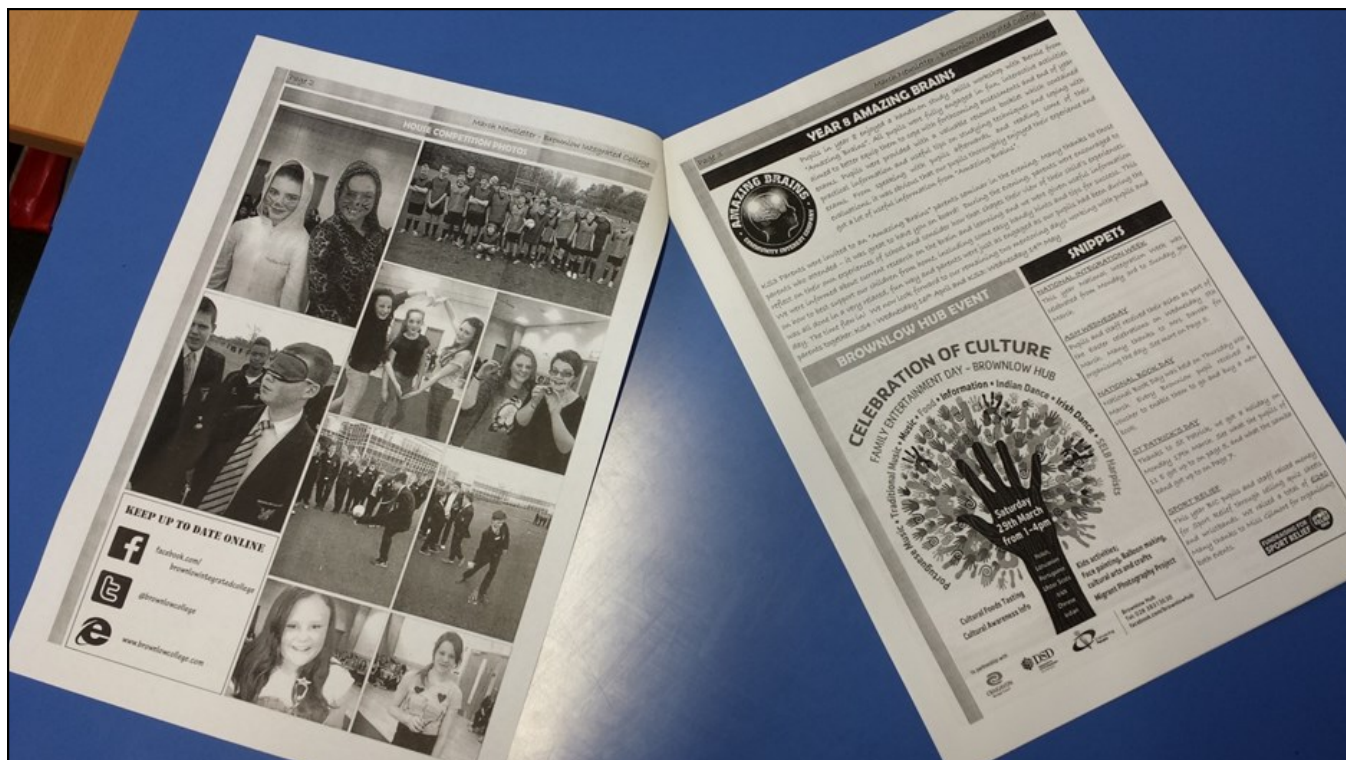
Family members of the girls formed makeshift search parties but they have still not found the girls, whom they now fear to be sold into slavery. Protests have taken place around the world demanding the return of the girls to their families. Pupils and staff at Brownlow Integrated College join in the call for the girls to be returned home.



#BringBackOurGirls

Extended Schools Success 2013/14

Under the direction of Mrs Norton, Extended Schools projects have been going from strength to strength. Below are pictured some recent activities. Shaneen Thompson is attending the after school Hobby Craft Club, which encourages pupils to discover the joy of D.I.Y. This is a successful club run by Mr. Mulholland every Monday after school. Also pictured below is an extract from a recent newsletter. This year the Annual Report for Extended Schools featured the newsletter as best practice and it would be fantastic to see more contributions from staff, pupils, parents and community groups.



Pictured below right to left; Daniel Moohan, Mrs Quinn, Katelyn Hanrahan, Connor Phelan, Phoebe White, Naomh Mulholland, Beth Martin, Katie McVeigh, Myles Hoy, Miss Campbell, Ethan Rice, Melanie Lucas, Thomas Bell and Charlene Skelton. Pupils attended lunchtime reading and handwriting club funded by Extended Schools and have begun to reap the rewards for their diligence.



Mentoring Programme Update May 2014

We have had another very successful year's mentoring with particular reference to the successful implementation of KS3 mentoring! As you will see from the figures below KS3 parents and pupils supported both mentoring days in force! and the feedback received through parental questionnaires was nothing short of fantastic! Thank you!

Attendance Figures on Mentoring Days:

KS 3: Jan Total - 90% Pupils, 88% Parents.

May Total - 90% Pupils, 86% Parents

KS4: May Total - 67% Pupils, 53% Parents

Jan Total - 75% Pupils, 64% Parents

Oct Total - 74% Pupils, 70% Parents

KS4 Parental feedback forms were all very positive – parents very much value the mentoring appointments and the support their child is receiving and we very much value their support for the programme.

KS3 parents completed a longer parental questionnaire as this was the first year of this programme. Feedback from these questionnaires showed overwhelming support for the programme and if we can sustain and develop this parental support through to GCSE years it can only be of huge benefit to our pupils! The results of the parental questionnaires will be shared with all staff.

Parents' Comments:

- Excellent idea – well done by all involved.
- The mentor explaining every subject in detail.
- I like the personal attention given to my son and it keeps me well informed on his progress.
- Fantastic encouragement given.
- Thrashing out problems.
- It has helped me guide him better.
- It has helped my daughter's confidence.
- Found it extremely beneficial in helping gauge progress and cover any concerns.
- As parents we could see how work has improved.
- Provided guidance for pupil.
- Very informative in an informal manner.

Many thanks everyone for your continued hard work and support of the Mentoring Programme.

Many thanks also to Mrs Thompson who oversees the mentoring programme and to her team of behind the scenes helpers who file thousands of pages and put things into many, many polypockets!