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Dear Parents/Carer

End of Term letter

I hope you and your families are well as we approach the end of another very busy half term. A reminder that the last day of term is today, **Friday 18th February 2022**, with students finishing at the normal time of **14.55pm**. School reopens again on **Monday 28th February 2022**.

A flavour of just how busy this term has been can be found in the latest edition of the school newsletter *Brookfield News*. Next half term promises to be every bit as eventful and productive. Below are some important headlines.

Attendance and punctuality

We are very proud of levels of attendance and punctuality at Brookfield. These compare very favourably to local and national data. Brookfield has the highest attendance in the whole of the Redhill Trust and we are very grateful for the support of our parents and carers in helping us to maintain this standard. Punctuality is also very strong, although we have recently seen a slight increase in students arriving late to school. Please see the separate letter that has been sent with this communication.

Summer Examinations – GCSE and A Level

You may well be aware that the Department for Education recently announced that GCSE, Level 2 Vocational and A Level examinations and assessments will take place largely as normal this year. This is welcome news for students, staff and the education sector as a whole. To reflect the fact that students in Year 11 and 13 have had a disrupted preparation for this year's examination series, Ofqual has detailed measures to support students and schools. Measures include providing some limited guidance as to what topics will be covered in summer exams (termed Advance Information), creating optional content and making some changes to coursework. Ofqual has produced a helpful summary of these changes which can be found <u>here</u>.

Work and preparation in school reflects the changes detailed in this guidance.

Red Nose Day – Friday 18th March

To support the Comic Relief charity, we will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 18th March. Students are encouraged to wear something red for this day. Students will be asked to pay £1 to take part in this day, with all funds being donated to Comic Relief. Payment should be made through Parent Pay accounts prior to the day. Red Noses – now thankfully plastic-free – are available to buy in school for £1.50.

And finally, you will see detailed in the newsletter that this week sees Mr Anderson step down as Head of Baslow House. Mr Anderson has been in this position (and previously Head of Year) for 17 years. In this time he has supported countless students and has been a valued member of the wider school team. On behalf of all students and parents, I would like to thank Mr Anderson for his superb work. He will remain in position as Teacher of Psychology. Mr Cliff will take over as Head of Baslow House from after half term.

Wishing you all a very restful half term break.

Yours faithfully

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Mr K Hirst <u>Headteacher</u>