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Dear Parent/Carer

End of Term and September arrangements

I would like to thank you for your support during this very busy term, and throughout the year. As we approach the summer holiday, this letter is intended to update you on plans and expectations for September, as well as to provide an overview of the summer term.

Recent actions and summer plans

Once again, our new Year 7 students joined Brookfield last week for a two-week period of transition and induction, whilst new Year 12 students recently completed an active induction day. Year 11 and 13 have completed GCSE and A Level examinations and conducted themselves in an exemplary manner.

During the summer over £500,000 of investment will take place to improve the facilities and accommodation at the school. This includes Phase 2 of the refurbishment of three Science rooms and one Food Technology room. New glazing will be fitted in various locations around school together with refurbishment of the lift. All of this work is part of our ongoing programme of improvements paid for through our Trust's School Condition Allocation funding and is intended to ensure that the environment at school is high quality and conducive to learning. After this summer's work the total investment over the past 4 years will be over £2 million.

Parent Information Evenings

As part of our intention to keep parents and carers fully informed about developments and plans at Brookfield, we will once again be running Parent Information Evenings in the Autumn term. These involve a number of presentations from key staff on aspects of the school and the year ahead. I hope you will be able to attend. Please note that it is not intended that students attend these events. A separate letter will be sent in early September. The dates for these evenings are:

- Thursday 7th September Year 12 & 13 Parent Information Evening
- Tuesday 12th September Year 8 & 9 Parent Information Evening
- Wednesday 13th September Year 10 & 11 Parent Information Evening
- Thursday 21st September Year 7 Parent Information Evening

Arrangements for September 2023

School will re-open for all students on Monday 4th September 2023. **With the exception of the first day back where students will report to their form tutors at 08.30am**, all students should be in school each day **by 08.25am** ready to start lessons at 08.30am. Students will receive their timetables and planners on 4th September 2023. We will be starting our 2 week timetable in week 1. There will be a high staff presence to ensure students are supported to get to where they need to be. Please note that any students arriving after 08.25am will be deemed as late.

Expectations for September

Once again we are keen to make a very strong start in September and, to this end, we want all students and families to be aware of our expectations from next term. Some of these are as this year, but some are new, such as our rules regarding mobile phones in school. All students have received this information in assemblies this week.

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Equality and Achievement

Uniform and equipment

Brookfield students look incredibly smart in their uniform. Exemplary standards of appearance and dress support our commitment to excellence. All students are expected to adhere to the uniform and equipment policy at all times, although some students do arrive at school in incorrect uniform, particularly the wearing of hoodies and incorrect shoes. The wearing of blazers is compulsory and jumpers are optional. Please see the attached uniform guide for your information. We will contact you if we change the school uniform policy due to warmer weather. Uniform, including a wide range of PE kit, can be purchased directly from our supplier [Gogna](#).

Unidentifiable lost property is located in the Pastoral Office. Please could parents ensure that names are written in all items of uniform.

Items not permitted

- Fake nails
- Facial and/or body piercings
- Unnatural hair colour
- Aerosol deodorants
- Hoodies
- Leather, denim, logos or tracksuit tops

We appreciate parents' support in ensuring students come to school properly dressed and equipped.

Mobile phones and Electronic Devices

From September 2023, mobile phones should be switched off and in bags (not in trouser or blazer pockets) until students leave the school grounds. Electronic devices (including ear pods, music speakers, iPads etc) are not allowed in school and will be confiscated if seen. Any student found with a mobile phone or electronic devices (even if they are switched off) will be the subject of a C4 due to the impact on learning and the wider school community.

Pre-loved Uniform

We recognise that purchasing uniform in the current financial climate can be challenging and constantly review the cost and the quality of the items provided by the school's supplier to ensure they are value for money and sourced responsibly and ethically.

Last year we established a pre-loved uniform scheme and I would like to thank families for the generous way in which they embraced this programme. We are able to support families with uniform from the donations we receive.

In order to continue to make this possible we are requesting donations of clean, pre-loved uniform. These can include blazers, shirts, skirts, trousers, school jumpers, ties and PE kit. Items will be made available to families within our school community. If you are in a position to donate any of the above items, rather than disposing of them to landfill, we ask that your child brings the clean items in a bag to the Pastoral Support Office or main reception. Any family that believes they would benefit from this scheme should contact school via email at PastoralSupport@brookfieldcs.org.uk.

Equipment

In addition to school uniform, please ensure that your son/daughter has the correct equipment and materials. They will need the following:

- Pencil case including standard stationery equipment: 2 x black pens, green pen, pencil, eraser, ruler, highlighter pen, glue stick, non-permanent marker pen (for use with mini-whiteboards – provided by school)
- A suitable bag, large enough to hold all the equipment plus PE kit
- A reading book for tutor time and DEAR sessions
- Water bottle – students have access to chilled, filtered water dispensers

Catering prices – 2023/24

There will be some changes to the pricing structure for school meals from September, a meal deal will now cost £2.90. Further information including menus will be updated on our website over the summer.

GCSE and A Level Results and Enrolment into Brookfield 6th Form

Results days this year are as follows:

- A Level - Thursday 17th August (from 08.30am)
- GCSE - Thursday 24th August (from 08.30am)

Results will be handed out in the Main Hall and students should access through main reception. After collecting their results, Year 11 students will be able to enrol into Brookfield 6th form and our team of staff will support them through this process.

Finally, we have some staff leaving us this week for pastures new. Mr Armstrong, Maths teacher, leaves for a new position in Sheffield. Mr Myhill, Head of Computing, leaves for a well-earned retirement and Mr Blood, Cover Supervisor, leaves us to take up a full time role at The Bolsover School. Finally, Mr Schofield, our long-standing Head of Geography leaves Brookfield to take up a national position at the online school, Oak National Academy, where his expertise and fastidiousness will benefit young people and teachers across the UK and beyond. On your behalf I would like to thank all for their commitment at Brookfield and wish them the very best in their retirement and next steps.

As always, thank you for your support of school throughout this year. I wish you all a safe and happy summer break.

Yours faithfully



Mr K Hirst
Headteacher

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