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Dear Parent/Carer

# Preparing for the term ahead

I hope you are enjoying the summer holiday and have managed to have a restful break. We have just had both A Level and GCSE results days and I am pleased to report that students have once again performed exceptionally well, with results well above those achieved in the last set of actual examinations in 2019. More details on outcomes will be provided when we return to school. In the meantime, you can find headlines on the school website and social media.

This letter is intended to provide a reminder of arrangements and expectation for the start of term.

#### **Arrangements for September 2023**

School will re-open for all students on Monday 4th September 2023. With the exception of the first day back, when 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**

As mentioned in the end of term letter in July, 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. Some of these are as this year, but some are new, such as our rules regarding mobile phones in school. All students received this information before the summer break.

## 1. Mobile phones

**From the start of this academic year,** 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 given a C4 due to the impact on learning and the wider school community.

#### 2. 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, <u>Gogna</u>.

# 3. Items not permitted

- Fake nails
- Facial and/or body piercings
- Unnatural hair colour
- Aerosol deodorants

- Hoodies
- Leather, denim, logos or tracksuit tops

A reminder that fake nails are not allowed, along with fake tanning agents and facial and body piercings. Unnatural hair colour is not allowed. Aerosol deodorants should not be brought to school. We appreciate parents' support in ensuring students come to school properly dressed and equipped.

## 4. Equipment

In addition to school uniform, please ensure that your child 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 miniwhiteboards – 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

Thank you for your support in ensuring your child is ready to 'hit the ground running' at the start of the new term.

Yours faithfully

Mr K Hirst

Headteacher