



Brookfield Community School

Post-16 Prospectus 2024



A warm welcome to Brookfield Community School

Welcome to the Brookfield Community School Post-16 Prospectus. We believe that every student deserves the very best education possible and our Sixth Form provision will build on the excellent foundations already achieved at GCSE. At Brookfield, we believe education should be an extremely rich experience – an experience in itself and not just a preparation for the next stage of life.

We are once again delighted with our results this year. Our Year 13 students remained resilient and positive throughout and went on to achieve some outstanding results.

We are proud of our students' academic and personal successes, and aim to support and encourage all students as they strive to achieve the very best they can as they progress to university, further training or employment.

We offer a broad and balanced range of exciting courses which are designed to challenge and stimulate learning for all students.

Studying at Brookfield will be exciting and challenging, and we look forward to celebrating success with you. Please take the time to read this prospectus. We hope what you find will fill you with enthusiasm and we look forward to welcoming you into Brookfield Community School.



Keith Hirst
Headteacher
Brookfield Community School

“Teachers in the Sixth Form have strong subject knowledge. The work that teachers cover is ambitious and demanding. They deliver the curriculum well. Students have positive attitudes to learning and achieve well.”

– Ofsted, April 2023

Welcome from the Sixth Form Team

We are extremely proud of our Sixth Form with its high expectations, academic standards and quality teaching. Our students are well supported to become confident, independent young people who have high aspirations and strive to succeed. Last year for instance 90% of pupils gained a place at their first choice university and 97% at their first or second choice. In addition to this a number of students secured Level 3 and 4 apprenticeships. We are also delighted that we have students progressing to Oxford University this year.

Brookfield Sixth Form is a warm and friendly environment. Students respect and support each other and have excellent relationships with staff. The Sixth Form team consists of a Head of Post-16, Head of Year 12, Head of Year 13 and two Sixth Form Pastoral Administrators. The Sixth Form is also supported by Andy Edwards, the Director of Post-16 provision across the Redhill Trust.

The Sixth Form team, alongside our experienced tutor team, are able to provide outstanding pastoral guidance and support. Our aim is to ensure that every student leaves Brookfield having reached their full potential both academically and personally. Students are closely monitored and supported by us to enable them to not only achieve excellent results, but to also grow into a person who will successfully take their place in society. For the majority of students this will mean continuing on to higher education, although we have an outstanding careers programme and impartial careers advice available to all of our students. Brookfield is one of the only schools in Derbyshire to hold the Careermark Platinum Award.

Students in our Sixth Form are encouraged to participate in and contribute to wider school life by taking part in our extensive enrichment, work experience and other leadership opportunities. These opportunities range from being subject leaders to taking advantage of our many links with local businesses to get hands on experience and skills from the experts in their chosen career. Brookfield Sixth Form also has a Senior Student Leadership Team who are extremely active within the Sixth Form through their organisation of charity events, social events and student voice.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at sixthform@brookfieldcs.org.uk

We look forward to meeting you.



Lauren Bradshaw
Head of Sixth Form



Why come to Brookfield Community School?

Recently, Brookfield has made some significant progress in developing Post-16 facilities, creating an even better learning environment including free Wi-Fi for all students.

As part of this programme we have created a Sixth Form exclusive study area in the heart of the school. The area has different spaces to meet students' different studying needs, for example there is a silent zone and a quiet zone. This is a large, airy space overlooking the fields of the Peak District. The study area also includes ICT facilities including printing. In addition to this Brookfield Sixth Form students have access to the Senior Library during study periods to work in silence, again there is also ICT facilities and printing available in this area. Finally, for when students want to do group work or need a refreshment break, we have a Sixth Form exclusive common room providing a more relaxed working space where hot food and drinks are available.

We also provide specialist areas to support technical subject areas including a Sixth Form student exclusive Art workroom as well as access to Textiles and Design Technology workshops.

Brookfield is centred on an ambition to be the best and that applies to students and staff. Our motto is "Committed to Excellence". Therefore, even more important than the physical resources are the staff who work here, all of whom are passionate about giving you the advice and support you need to achieve your full potential. The ongoing support from teaching and pastoral staff is the most consistent reason that students give for joining our Sixth Form.

You will be treated as individuals in a more adult learning environment and will be encouraged to take more personal responsibility for your own learning, development and progress. We will however, provide you with the resources and skills to become independent learners who can organise your studies and revision smartly.

"The in-depth teaching is really interesting and has helped me to make a decision about what to study Post-18."

—Year 13 leaver



“Brookfield Sixth Form has had a huge impact on me, both in terms of my academic qualities and in more general terms. I feel I have grown socially. I have become more independent, more confident and more respectful to others. It is something I always see in the students around me. I could not have wished for a better platform to begin my next steps in life.”

—Year 13 leaver

High standards

High expectations

We take academic achievement and standards seriously. It means all students have to be prepared to make studying a priority. You will be joining a community of like-minded people who are determined to achieve the very best grades they can – and we will expect you to do the same.

Good attendance and punctuality are just as important in the Sixth Form. A good attendance record is an absolute requirement for continuing with any course.

We have very high expectations in terms of academic rigour; attendance and attitude and parents play a key role in helping us work with students to achieve this. This partnership is vital and ensures that students remain focused throughout their studies.

We encourage all our students to aim as high as possible and provide extra support for those applying to Oxford and Cambridge and other early entry subjects such as medicine. Brookfield has a strong track record with students applying for such courses, and to Russell Group and any other top university.



Leadership and Enrichment Opportunities

Students are exceptionally well prepared for the next stage in their education, training or employment by the additional opportunities we provide for students that go beyond the classroom.

All Year 12 students take part in our 'Stellar Enrichment Programme', accruing hours to achieve a Bronze, Silver or Gold award. They can choose from our extensive list of extra qualifications and activities shown below, or will be given the autonomy to create their own enrichment activity if they have a passion they want to explore.

- Art and Textiles lesson support
- Art Illustration Collective
- Art School Production & Exhibition Team
- Brookfield Events Support
- Buddy Mentoring/reading
- Charity Committee
- Creative Writing Club
- Dance Subject Support
- Debating Society
- Drama Subject Support
- Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award
- English Subject Support
- Environmental Action Group
- Extended Project Qualification (worth half an A Level)
- Geography Subject Support
- History Subject Support
- Journalism S40
- LGBT+ Support Group
- Librarian
- Lunchtime Monitors
- Maths Leaders
- Mindfulness
- Modern Foreign Languages Support
- Music Ambassador
- PE Leadership
- Performing Arts Support
- Science Support
- Special Educational Needs Department Enrichment
- Sports Leader Qualification (level 3)
- Technology Subject Support
- United Cast Bar: Engineering
- United Cast Bar: Business Admin and Marketing
- Westfield Primary School Volunteer Work Experience
- Young Enterprise
- NCS

We strongly believe in the value of work experience and in addition to the calendared week of work experience in Year 12, we also support any student who wishes to set up their own weekly work experience placement during non-teaching time in the school day.

All Brookfield Sixth Form students have an assigned personal tutor and cover a Life 360+ programme where they follow an extensive taught programme that covers the following areas:

- Study Skills and Revision
- General Knowledge Carousel
- Employability
- Post 18 Progression Preparation
- Interview Techniques
- Mental Health
- Positive Personal Presentation
- Healthy Eating
- Alcohol, Drugs and Safesex
- Organ Tissue, Blood and Bone Marrow Donations
- Next Steps: Living Independently
- Let's Check (testicles and breasts)
- The Cube
- Understanding Debt and Budgeting
- Radicalisation
- Festival Safety
- Young Driver Safety Awareness Course

Student leadership opportunities are valued highly and all students are welcome to apply to be Head Students as well as the Students Senior Leadership team. These roles provide students with extra responsibilities to develop their confidence and employability skills even further.

Post-16 Subject List

Subject offers are dependent on student numbers and uptake.

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| • Art | • German |
| • Biology | • Geography |
| • Chemistry | • History |
| • Computer Science | • Maths |
| • Core Maths | • Music |
| • Criminology | • Photography |
| • Dance | • Physical Education |
| • Product Design | • Physics |
| • Drama & Theatre Studies | • Politics |
| • Economics/ Business Studies | • Psychology |
| • English Language | • Sociology |
| • English Literature | • Spanish |
| • Further Maths | • Textiles |

GCSE Re-sits

Resit courses are offered in:

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| • GCSE English Language | • GCSE Mathematics |
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All students who do not achieve at least a grade 4 in either of these subjects at GCSE will be required to retake these in Year 12.

“The quality of teaching is high and I have enjoyed building strong relationships with my teachers.”

–Year 13 leaver

Entry Requirements

All students must attain at least five 9-4 grades at GCSE (or BTEC equivalents) with a minimum grade 5 in English Language or Mathematics. Note that individual subjects will require a specific grade in a particular subject at GCSE (see course booklet).

All students will be expected to choose 3 A levels which they will study for 2 years (the exception being students who study 3 A levels plus Further Mathematics). During their course of study, pupils will have a regular formative and summative assessment, including formal mock exams. In addition students will choose to study an enrichment course which they will follow in Year 12.

All students will be interviewed by a member of the Sixth Form team. This will enable them to make an informed choice about the best subjects to suit their individual needs. Parents are welcome to discuss these choices with the Sixth Form team following the interview.



A message from our Head Students

"Hi, we are Brookfield's new Head Students, Zac Leaning and Tess Bramley. We can't wait to play our part in keeping Brookfield the safe, dedicated and engaging school it is. Throughout the upcoming year we will work hard in bringing the whole school together and increasing the influence of the student voice. We can't wait to achieve all this and more with the support of the newly formed senior student leadership team (SSLT).

Enrichment is a key part of the school life at Brookfield and we want as many students to take part in the wide range of opportunities, both ongoing and upcoming, that Brookfield offers. Tess has enjoyed being part of the ongoing school production as well as running a flute choir and Zac is looking to run upcoming revision

clubs for all years. These are some of the programmes that help bring students closer and sustain the sense of community at Brookfield.

While our final year is going to be a challenge, it is one we are looking forward to. This role is one we feel we can excel in and are looking forward to the opportunity to help improve the school. We also want to help support students with their mental health, an issue we both feel incredibly passionate about.

We are students. We are a team.

We are together, as a community.



Messages from Redhill Academy Trust

Dear Parents,

I would like to warmly welcome you to Brookfield Post-16 prospectus

As CEO of Redhill Academy Trust I strongly believe that successful schools have 5 key characteristics:

- High expectations of all students
- Valuing and celebrating academic achievement
- A commitment to equality and diversity
- Consistently good and focused teaching
- Widening students' experiences through a range of co-curricular activities including sports, music and the performing arts

I am the Trust Director of Post-16, and I work closely with each of the teams across all seven of our Sixth Forms. This allows us to share ideas and collaborate to provide an even better Post-16 experience, so when you join the Sixth Form you are also part of a much wider community. This brings many benefits such as: Oxbridge preparation programme, Medicine mock interview day, Year 13 Moving on day, wider lecture series and apprenticeship and careers events.

These five principles continue to guide the development of Brookfield.

Working with Mr Hirst and the whole staff at Brookfield, our priority is to support the students and ensure that academic outcomes remain consistently high. I now believe that the Academy has become the first choice for all parents and children in the local area.

Andrew Burns

CEO, Redhill Academy Trust

We also lead one of the largest HE+ hubs in the UK - this is a partnership between Redhill and the University of Cambridge and offers some unique opportunities to our students.

I look forward to meeting you all.

Andy Edwards

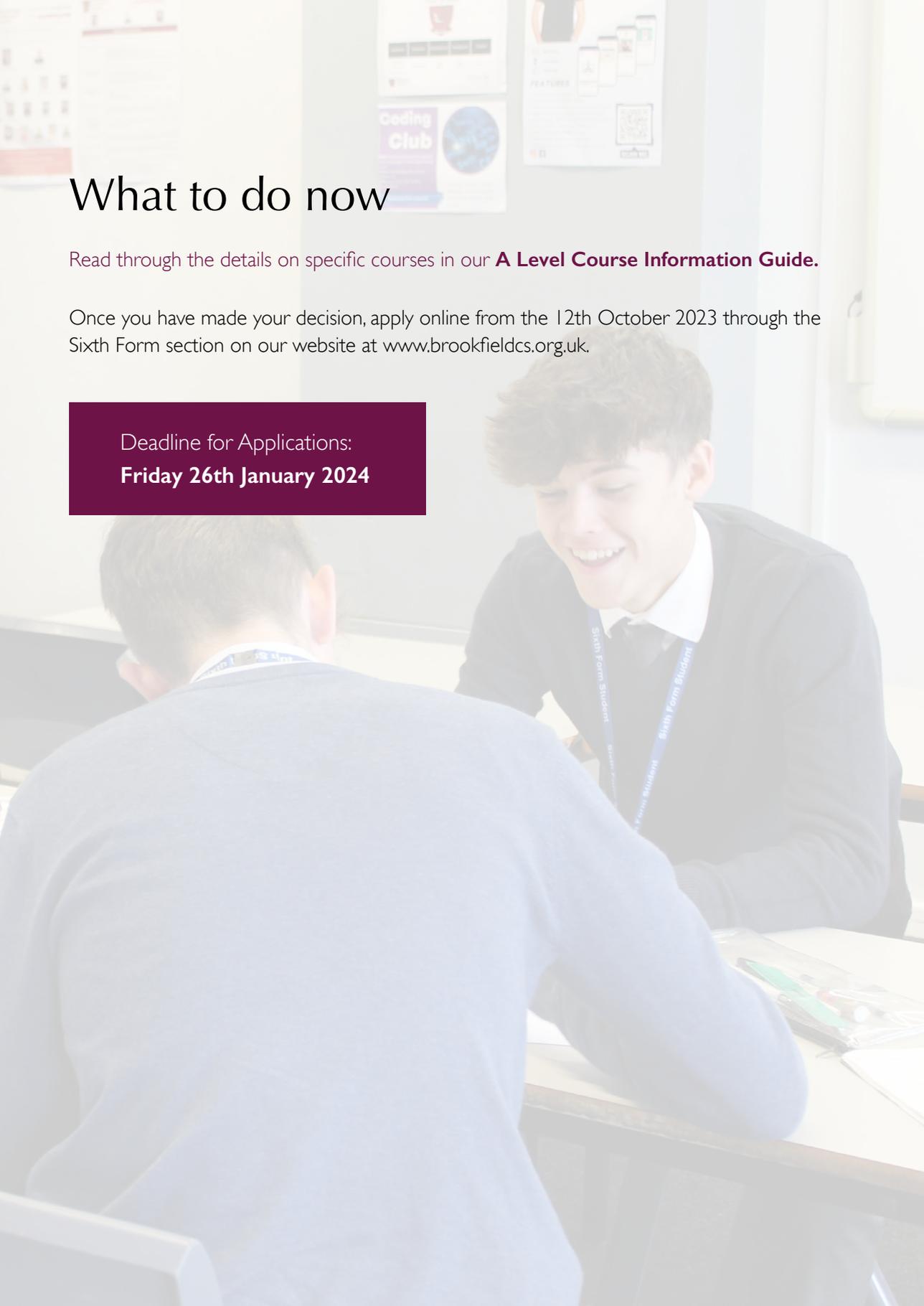
Trust Director of Post-16

What to do now

Read through the details on specific courses in our **A Level Course Information Guide**.

Once you have made your decision, apply online from the 12th October 2023 through the Sixth Form section on our website at www.brookfieldcs.org.uk.

Deadline for Applications:
Friday 26th January 2024





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