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Dear Parent/Carer

## **End of Term and September arrangements**

I would like to thank you for your support during what has been another disrupted term and year. As we approach the summer holiday, this letter is to update you on plans for September, as well as provide an overview of this term. As previously communicated, all students will be finishing school on **Friday 23**<sup>rd</sup> **July at 13.00pm**.

## Recent actions and summer plans

Over the past half term we have held virtual parents' evenings for students and parents with form tutors in Years 7, 8, 10 and 12. Our new Year 7 students joined Brookfield this week for transition and induction, whilst the new Year 12 students recently completed a virtual induction day. For Years 11 and 13 we have completed 'Centre Assessed Grades' and await the results days in August. Signs of a return to normal are all around.

The latest edition of our newsletter 'Brookfield News' can be found <u>here</u> or on the attached copy and paints a picture of some extensive wider school activity. Do take the time to read this end of year edition.

## **School Buildings Improvements**

During the summer lots of work is taking place to improve the facilities and accommodation at the school. This includes a full refurbishment of middle floor rooms (English), the Sixth Form block and the Performing Arts classrooms with the toilet blocks and facilities being completely reworked. All of this work is part of our ongoing programme of improvements to ensure that the environment at school is high quality and conducive to learning.

# **Arrangements for September 2021**

School will re-open for all students on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 08.30am.** Students have their timetable and planner and should know where to report to for Period 1. We will be starting our two 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.

### **School Day**

The new school day structure came into effect this week. The structure is as follows:

Period 1	Period 2	Break	Period 3	Tutor Time	Lunch	Period 4	Period 5
8:30am	9:30am	10:30am	10:50am	11:50am	12:15pm	12:55pm	1:55pm
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9:30am	10:30am	10:50am	11:50am	12:15pm	12:55pm	1:55pm	2:55pm



## **COVID testing - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**

Government guidance at the current time suggests that all students will be offered on site lateral flow tests prior to the start of the summer term. Our plan is that this testing will take place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Testing is encouraged although is not compulsory. Further details of these arrangements will be communicated in August.

#### Results, Appeals and Enrolment into Brookfield's 6th Form

Exam boards are releasing results earlier this Summer for both Year 13 and Year 11 students. All results will be available for collection from the Sports Hall. Year 13 results will be available to collect from 08:30am on Tuesday 10th August and Year 11 results from 08:30am on Thursday 12th August.

After collecting their results, Year 11 students will be able to enrol into Brookfield's 6th form and our team of staff will support them through this process.

There is further information for students and parents on our website relating to this summer's awarding of grades, including the appeals process.

In a change to the appeals process this year, it is worth noting that the appeal of a grade can result in exam boards moving a grade down as well as up. There will also be a full suite of exams available to sit in the Autumn term for any students who would like to do a re-sit. More information on this will be provided on results day.

### **Uniform Expectations**

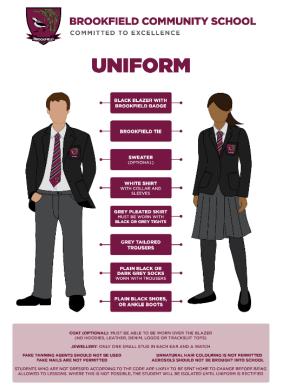
Exemplary standards of appearance and dress supports Brookfield Community School's commitment to excellence. All students are expected to adhere to the uniform and equipment policy at all times. The uniform policy is as follows:

Please note the following:

- Facial/body piercings are not allowed, including clear retainers.
- Shirts should be formal, white and always tucked in.
- Socks should be plain black or grey. Red football socks should be worn for physical education.
- Skirts must be a suitable length and worn with plain black or grey tights (not footless leggings).
- Fake tanning agents should not be used and fake nails are banned.
- Unnatural hair colouring should not be used.
- Aerosol deodorants should not be brought to school.
- Mobile phones and other electronic devices should be turned off and placed in student bags at all times.

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

- Black pens
- Standard stationery such as a ruler, pencil etc
- A suitable bag, large enough to hold all their equipment, plus PE kit
- A reading book for Tutor Time and DEAR sessions
- Glue stick



#### **Lost Property**

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

#### Staff Leavers

Finally, we have some notable staff leavers this year, including some long-serving members of staff. Mrs Earl has worked as an English teacher for 22 years and leaves to join King Edward VI school in Sheffield. Mrs Metcalfe has worked at the school for 19 years and leaves to join Sheffield High School. Mrs Verovkins embarks on a new career in pharmaceuticals, whilst Mr Calladine joins Newfield School from September. Mrs Panton leaves us to enjoy a well-earned retirement. Also leaving us are Mr James (Technology). We also have members of our support staff team leaving this year, once again with some long Brookfield service. These are Mrs Lloyd (15 years at the school) and Site Manager Mr Knight (20 years at the school). 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 sincerely

Mr K Hirst Headteacher

Att: End of Term Newsletter