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Dear Parents/Carers

Preparing for the term ahead

I hope you enjoyed the summer holidays and have managed to have a restful break. We have recently had both A Level and GCSE results days and I am pleased to report that students have once again performed exceptionally well. More details on outcomes will be provided shortly. 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 the return to school - Monday 9th September 2024

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 their first day. 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.

New Homework and Communication System - ClassCharts

ClassCharts is our new web-based platform and app to communicate with parents and students. This is where you will receive information about events in school, your child's homework, timetable and rewards. Emails were sent home in July with login details for parents in Years 8-11 and Year 13.

Students in Year 7 and 12 will bring home their student login details in an envelope today with parent login details will go home on Monday. Any students in Years 8 -11 or Year 13 without login information will be given this on Monday. If you have any questions regarding ClassCharts, please email Classcharts@brookfieldcs.org.uk

Attendance

There have been changes to the National Framework for penalty notices for school absence that came into effect on 19th August 2024. The update from Derbyshire County Council is on our website along with our Attendance policy. We are unable to authorise school-time holidays in all but exceptional circumstances and there are changes to the thresholds at which unauthorised absences will be passed to the local authority for fines to be applied. Student attendance at Brookfield is excellent and supports the achievements and opportunities for all our students.

Expectations for the new term

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. 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 [suppliers](#).

3. Items not permitted

A reminder that some items of clothing, dress and equipment are not permitted in school. 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. Please see our website [here](#) for further information.

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 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

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 for each Parent Information Evening with details of how to book places. The dates for these evenings are:

Date	Year
Thursday 12 th September 2024	Year 12 & 13 Parent Information Evening
Tuesday 17 th September 2024	Year 8 & 9 Parent Information Evening
Wednesday 18 th September 2024	Year 10 & 11 Parent Information Evening
Tuesday 1 st October 2024	Year 7 Parent Information Evening

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