



5th November 2024

Dear parent/carer

New half term update

I hope you enjoyed a restful half term break. This letter provides an update on priorities for the half term ahead, and details key events and dates, such as next week's whole school Remembrance event, where as a school we come together to remember the sacrifices of two world wars and other conflicts. In December we host two important Presentation Evenings, where we celebrate the performance of last year's GCSE and A-Level students. Key dates are included below.

INSET day – Friday 29th November - a reminder that school is closed to students on this date.

Brookfield BPFA Christmas Market – Friday 6th December

Another important date in the school calendar is our Christmas Market, which this year takes place on Friday 6th December from 17.30-20.00. Organised by our BPFA, the market is a wonderful event and an opportunity to grab some early Christmas gifts. An early 'heads up' that we will be contacting families for the following donations:

- Tombola prizes
- House Hamper items – colour-coded to the different Houses. There will be a raffle on the night to win each of these impressive hampers.

Check our social media for updates and for how you might get involved.

Attendance

Attendance across the school is slightly up on this time last year and we thank you with your support in getting your child to school. When we wrote to you at the start of the year we described the changes to the National Framework 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 term-time holidays and any absence can only be authorised in the most exceptional circumstances. There are changes to the thresholds at which unauthorised absences must be passed to the local authority for fines to be applied. We are proud of our excellent student attendance at Brookfield that undoubtedly supports the achievements and opportunities for all our students.

Road safety - dropping off and picking up students from school site

Earlier in the term we wrote to parents/carers about road safety on the roads around school and we will continue to remind students in assemblies of the importance of being safe near busy roads. The entrance to school continues to be very busy and we have monitored the number of cars accessing the school site at the start and the end of the school day and the risk this

is posing to students walking into school. We now need to ask that **no parents access the school** site to drop off or pick up students during these busy periods to ensure the safety of our students. The exception is for those children who use taxis or where permission has been granted for parental drop off into the visitor or disabled bays **only** due to exceptional circumstances.

Home School Expectations

Our Home School agreement summarises expectations for students, families and school. A copy is shown below. Over the next two weeks we are sharing this summary with students during form period, where they will sign to say they agree with their expectations. The form will then be brought home for parent/carer signature. I would be grateful if you could read this document with your son/daughter, before signing and returning to school

Curriculum Plus

We are very pleased to offer a vibrant co-curriculum programme for our students – a programme we call *Curriculum Plus*. We want every student to have opportunities beyond the classroom, be this in trips and visits, competitions, clubs and societies. We are about to launch a range of Inter-House competitions, with different Houses competing to win The Brookfield Cup. Details of our Curriculum Plus offer can be found [here](#).

Important dates

Monday 11 th November	Remembrance Event
Friday 15 th November	Y11 Mocks start
Thursday 21 st November	Charity Dance Show
Friday 29 th November	INSET – school closed for students
Friday 6 th December	BPFA Christmas Market
Tuesday 10 th December	GCSE Presentation Evening
Wednesday 11 th December	Tin to a Tenner Showcase Evening
Tuesday 17 th December	A Level Presentation Evening

Thank you in anticipation of your support in a very busy half term.

Yours sincerely



Mr K Hirst
Headteacher

HOME SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS

AS A SCHOOL WE WILL:

- Promote our school core values of Ambition, Resilience and Respect
- Make a difference
- Care about the health, well-being and safety of our students
- Provide high quality teaching
- Provide a safe and well ordered learning environment
- Have high expectations of behaviour towards others, attainment and effort
- Have high expectations regarding uniform and equipment
- Reward good behaviour and effort
- Inform parents of any concerns
- Set homework regularly
- Provide a broad, balanced and challenging curriculum
- Listen to and respond to parents' concerns and queries
- Keep parents informed about students' progress, key events and meetings
- Insist on good punctuality and attendance
- Give students opportunities to achieve their aspirations and potential
- Respect and value all students
- Provide co-curricular opportunities

AS A STUDENT I WILL:

- Demonstrate our school core values of Ambition, Resilience and Respect
- Care about my health, well-being and safety
- Work to the best of my ability
- Bring all the folders, books and equipment I need to school in a school bag
- Strive to be a valued member of my house
- Wear the correct uniform at all times
- Take responsibility for my learning in lesson, study periods and at home
- Show pride in my school and respect its environment
- Attend school every day and on time
- Take part in co-curricular activities
- Follow school rules and meet expectations
- Behave well inside and outside of school

SIGNED _____ **(STUDENT)**

SIGNED _____ **(PARENT)**

AS A PARENT I WILL:

- Support our school core values of Ambition, Resilience and Respect
- Make a difference
- Care about the health, well-being and safety of my child
- Make sure that my child attends school every day and on time
- Provide the correct uniform, equipment and books for school
- Take an interest in my child's learning and check homework completion
- Support my child during examination periods
- Keep the school informed about any issues which affect behaviour, learning or well-being
- Attend parents' evening and key events
- Encourage my child to always do their best
- Read all correspondence from the school and respond when necessary
- Support the school in ensuring high standards of behaviour and uniform
- Encourage my child to take part in co-curricular clubs and activities
- Ensure that family holidays are taken out of term time
- Support the school in its aspirations for all students