



# Brookfield Community School

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Dear Parent/Carer

## End of Half Term

It has been really good to have a normal start to the school year and I would like to thank you for your support in ensuring school has been able to return so smoothly. It was very nice to see so many attend our Parent Information Evenings in September where senior staff outlined key messages for the year ahead and where we were able to provide details of the extensive refurbishments and facilities projects that have taken place over the summer.

Lots of the normal life at Brookfield has returned, including extensive extra-curricular activities such as schools trips. For example, the Year 7 students have recently enjoyed an Urban Studies field trip to explore Chesterfield and the local area.

Another welcome development has been the start of the House system and the healthy competition that goes with it. In addition, the launch of the vertical tutoring system has been very successful.

## Attendance

Attendance remains vitally important for students. This term we have seen a number of Covid-19 cases and this has impacted on attendance. However, overall attendance has remained very strong and we are grateful for your support in this regard.

## Covid-19 risk mitigation

Whilst some of the measures that were in place last year are no longer required, we continue to be highly vigilant about the risks posed by Covid-19 and continue to follow DfE guidance around how this is managed. Measures currently in place include:

- **Hand-sanitisation** - students are reminded regularly about the importance of regular hand-washing and sanitisation.
- **Ventilation** - classrooms are well-ventilated, with windows and doors open to ensure a steady flow of air.
- **Face coverings** – these are no longer mandatory. However, students and staff are welcome to continue wearing face coverings if they wish to do so.
- **Testing** – students and staff test twice each week using LFT kits.

## Y11 Mock Examinations

These important exams for our Year 11 students start on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November and run until Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November**. All students are required to be at school for **08.15am** during this time so we are able to support them in preparation for their exams. Further information about the mocks will be given during a Year 11 assembly after half term.



## Uniform

Of course, with enhanced ventilation at this time of year comes the prospect of colder classrooms. To ensure that students do not become too cold in classrooms, parents are reminded that an official Brookfield Community School jumper does exist as part of our uniform and is allowed to be worn under the school blazer. This official Brookfield Jumper (pictured below) can be purchased through our uniform supplier, Gogna, at [www.gognaschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.gognaschoolwear.co.uk)

**Alternatively, a plain black (no lettering or logos) V neck jumper** can be worn under their blazer. It is strongly recommended that students do wear a pullover from after October half term.



Students may also decide to wear a white t-shirt or base-layer under their white shirt to provide additional warmth.

The rest of the uniform policy remains unchanged, with hoodies, denim and colourful jackets not allowed on school site. An outdoor, winter coat (dark in colour), may be worn over the school blazer but should be removed when students enter classrooms.

## Key events/dates – Autumn Term:

Date	Event
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Autumn 2 Term starts
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	KS3 Winter Games (Years 7 & 8)
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Covid-19 Vaccinations
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Sixth Form Open Evening 6.00pm to 8.00pm
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 11 mock exam period
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Years 8, 9, 10 & 12 school photographs
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Day Event in school
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 13 Parents Evening
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Charity Dance Show at 7.00pm
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Year 12 Graduate Arts Fair Manchester
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Performing Arts Residential Trip to London
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	BPFA Christmas Market
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 11 Parents Evening
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Sixth Form applications close
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> to 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Ski Trip
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	School closes at 13.00pm
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	School opens at 08.30am

On behalf of everyone at Brookfield, I wish you a peaceful half term break.

Yours faithfully



Mr K Hirst  
Headteacher