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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you have had a restful summer break. As we prepare for the new autumn term it is important to take time to reflect on the successes of last academic year, and to look ahead to the year ahead.

An important function this year is to update you regularly on the latest developments and progress at Brookfield. We will also continue to actively seek your views to help shape school policies. We will need your commitment to work with us in partnership to support your child's learning. We will then be working together to make sure your child succeeds.

Below are some reminders and key information and dates:

Start times – Wednesday 4th September 2019

Year 7 – 11	08.30am
Year 12	08.55am
Year 13	08.30am

Please see the table attached which details the Form Tutors and Rooms for the different year groups. Year 7 students will be guided to their rooms by staff and Primary Ambassadors.

Key events/dates – Autumn term

Wednesday 18 th September	Primary Liaison Evening (Year 6)
Monday 23 rd September	Year 8/9 Parent Information Evening
Wednesday 25 th September	Year 10/11 Parent Information Evening
Thursday 26 th September	Year 12/13 Parent Information Evening
Wednesday 9 th October	Redhill KS4 (Y9/10) Winter Games
Wednesday 16 th October	Year 7 Settling in Evening
Thursday 24 th October	Ski Trip meeting
Friday 25 th October	INSET Day – students not in school



Parent Information Evenings - These are a new initiative and are planned to be short, one hour sessions for parents only and will involve presentations from myself and members of the school leadership team on key aspects of the school, such as results, policies, post-Ofsted plans and future initiatives. In addition, there will be information relating to your child's specific year group. Invitation letters for these events will be sent out in **week commencing 9th September**. I hope you will be able to attend.

Building and improvement works - During the summer we have had some extensive building work, including a completely new reception area and offices, new flooring and lighting in the front block, newly appointed classrooms in the main part of the school and new office and conference room. The works have been very successful and have significantly improved the school environment. Please note that work on the reception area is running slightly behind schedule and will not be fully operational for the first part of September. This will not affect access to reception by visitors and parents. In addition to this work, new water fountains have been installed which dispense chilled, purified water, and new benches and table tennis tables have been provided and funded by the BPFA. Staff and students are very grateful for the ongoing support of the BPFA.

Learning Support - As part of the summer building works and redesign, our Learning Support department has been relocated to the ground floor in the main school building at the front of school. This allows students to easily access the Learning Support space known as the ARC.

New Brookfield website - We are in the process of having a brand new, modern website which is fully integrated with social media platforms. The website will become the key method of communicating with parents and the outside world. This is an exciting development and is planned to be completed and to go live by late September/early October.

School Dress and Equipment - You are aware of the expectations of school uniform and I am grateful for your support in ensuring that students are dressed appropriately and smartly in their uniform and equipped for the school day. Many students already bring their own water bottles. With the introduction of new water fountains in different locations in the school, we would like to encourage all students to bring their own water bottle as part of their equipment. This will support our ambition this year to remove plastic bottles from the school site.

Homework - I am pleased to inform you that from September we will be using a new package called Show My Homework to co-ordinate and track homework in all subjects. More information will follow in coming weeks. In the meantime, further information can be found at the following link: <https://www.teamsatchel.com/product/smhw.html>

Work within Redhill Academy Trust - We are continuing our close work with Redhill and Brookfield staff are engaged in a range of professional development programmes organised by Redhill. We have had support from Redhill colleagues in a number of areas, such as the ongoing building works and in supporting some Brookfield teams.

Parent consultation - The date for the next Parent Forum meeting will be held between 6.00pm and 7.00pm on Thursday 10th October 2019. Please can you notify my PA, Mrs Gillian Rhodes, on g.rhodes@brookfield.derbyshire.sch.uk by Friday 4th October 2019 if you wish to attend or add any items to the agenda.

Change of details - In order to fully comply with the law, we must ensure that the personal information and permissions we have on file are up to date for each student. Details may change for a variety of reasons and I ask that you notify us of any changes as soon as possible, especially contact telephone numbers. **We will be sending a data collection sheet home during the first week of term to confirm contact and medical details; please ensure that you return the completed form to your child's form tutor.**

Medical conditions - It is very important that the school is fully aware of any medical condition that your child has, including medication required during the day. **Please ensure that any medication brought into school is labelled with your child's name, including inhalers.** Any prescription medication should be brought to reception staff who will arrange suitable storage and provision. This will help us to ensure your child's safety at school as well as maximising full access to the whole curriculum.

I am excited by the year ahead. Staff at Brookfield are looking forward to working with your children to ensure we build on the successes of previous years. Thank you once again in anticipation of your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely



Keith Hirst
Headteacher

Att: Form Tutors and Rooms

BROOKFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL - FORM TUTORS 2019-2020

Y7	BPA/KT	ROOM
B	DT	P1
R	TF	G1
O	ARE	B5
K	STB	B6
F	CP	T4
I	MP/MES	E4

Y8	RJ/CDG	ROOM
B	HB/ORW	B2
R	AWA/AR	G2
O	ALJ/CLF	D6
K	AH	M2
F	CAW/AR	E2
I	RAI	E3

Y9	LMR/SN	ROOM
B	JLE	B10
R	WF	D3
O	EL	T5
K	HK/RLP	M5
F	HCB/CED	G3
I	GHL/LJC	H1b

Y10	ALW/DAK	ROOM
B	ADL	T7
R	REP	M4
O	PJA	H1A
K	NLW/WT	A3
F	MHN	M7
I	ARN	T8

Y11	CPM/EJV	ROOM
B	KEC/DAK	T2
R	BEC/NCS	E1
O	ZB/SWA	M1
K	SM	M3
F	KAL	M6
I	NDC	T6

Y12	AWM/DSB	ROOM
12CE	CE	S1
12CJ	CJ	T11
12DJ	DJ	D1
12AJP	AJP/CEA	B12
12NPD	NPD	S5
12LRN	LRN	S4

Y13	JMC/SEC	ROOM
13JB		S3
13GS		T1
13DBA		B11
13MCL		B3
13HR/ELT		T3
13ME		B1