



24th April 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you and your families managed to have a peaceful Easter break at a very unusual and uncertain time. This letter would usually welcome students and parents to the start of the summer term, one which is extremely busy with final exams for Year 11 and 13 students, the culmination of extensive preparation and hard work. It is also busy with other events and activities, such as Year 6/7 transition, Sports Days, parents' evening and proms. Clearly, the planned schedule of activities and events will be severely impacted by the ongoing closure.

When we do return to school it is likely that we will face a period of re-adjustment and 'catch-up'. In the meantime, staff at school are working extremely hard to provide contact and online learning activities which engage students, support their learning and, at the same time, help them to still feel part of the school community. We are all very appreciative of the support from parents in helping to ensure that learning continues for our students.

Remote Learning

We are all constantly adapting and learning how to maximise the use of remote learning packages, such as Show My Homework. This applies to staff, students and parents. Last week, Mrs Mason email all parents with information and guidance on remote learning, with details of how staff are being advised and supported to set effective online learning. Staff are also using resources which are also useful for parents and students, such as Oak National Academy (see [here](#)) BBC Bitesize (see [here](#))

Brookfield Vertical Tutoring System - September 2020

Last term you received information on our plan to move towards a Vertical Tutoring system from September 2020. Lots of work has been taking place to prepare students and staff for this important and exciting change at the school. However, given the uncertainty of the term ahead, combined with the scheduled activities that we had in place for this term to prepare for the change, we have decided to postpone the change to September 2021. The plan will be for arrangements to be made through the next academic year to ensure we are ready with this system for September 2021.

Year 9 – options choices

Parents of Year 9 students will receive a letter next week from Mr Robinson which outlines which options they have secured to start in September 2020.

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INSET days

A reminder that the remaining INSET schedule for this academic year is as follows:

- Friday 26th June 2020
- Monday 20th July 2020

Students are not required to come to school on these INSET days.

Post 16 and Post 18 Progression Support:

We are still here to support any Year 11 or Year 13 students who have still not secured a Post 16 or Post 18 progression pathway. If you would like us to contact you about this, please email Mrs Metcalfe-Murgatroyd directly on s.metcalfe@brookfield.derbyshire.sch.uk.

School opening

School has been open for some students over the past four weeks, such as those whose parents work in critical sectors. For any parents who work in critical sectors who have not requested a place, but whose circumstances may change, please contact school on enquiries@brookfield.derbyshire.sch.uk.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support of the school at this very uncertain time.

Yours faithfully



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Headteacher