



BROOKFIELD NEWS

Headteacher's Report

HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME

Welcome to this first edition of Brookfield News, a newsletter designed to provide an overview of what is happening at Brookfield and to give details of upcoming events. Our intention is that this newsletter will be published every two weeks.

Mr Keith Hirst, Headteacher

SCHOOL BUILDING WORKS

The buildings are enjoying some significant and welcome refurbishment, such as new flooring and the installation of LED lighting in key areas of school. This work will significantly improve the environment and the climate for learning. The newly configured reception area will be completed by October Half-Term and will be an impressive entrance to welcome visitors to the school.

Our new Learning Support area has moved to the front of school on the ground floor and will be a huge improvement on current facilities.

More details and images of completed works will be circulated when the works are completed.

YEAR 7 SETTLING IN EVENING

Please note that the time for this event has changed to 18.30 - 20.30. Year 7 students will be making individual appointments with form tutors.

PRIMARY OPEN EVENING - WEDNESDAY 18th SEPTEMBER 2019

The new academic year has started extremely positively. Wednesday 18th September 2019 saw our Primary Open Evening for Year 5 and 6 pupils and their families. The evening was an enormous success, with over 600 pupils and family members experiencing a range of interactive lessons. The feedback received was really positive and I have received numerous letters and emails from families who attended. Quotes from these give a flavour of the evening:

- 'I was genuinely blown away by the musical drama presentation.'
- 'Thanks to your amazing students who were so engaging, to the maths magic show, the food technology pancakes, the art exhibition, the musical introduction and the warm and aspirational welcome...'



Mr Hopkins as Professor Snape at our Primary Open Evening

PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS

During the week beginning 23rd September, we held three separate Parent Information Evenings (Years 8/9, Years 10/11 and Years 12/13).

Again, these events were well attended and were useful opportunities to share important information about the school, and for parents/carers to ask questions of key staff. Slides and information from these evenings can be found [here](#).

PARKING NEAR SCHOOL

The local Police have been in touch to highlight that some parents are parking illegally at the start and end of the school day, for example close to crossings. This obviously presents real health and safety risks to students and members of the public. We have been asked to make parents aware that penalty notices will be served on any vehicles parking illegally.

YEAR 11 GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK



Torrential rain, Hurricane Lorenzo steaming towards the UK, flooded roads. The essential conditions to signal that it is the time of year for Year 11 Geography fieldwork'.

On 1st October, 75 Year 11 students headed to Endcliffe Park and urban sustainable communities in Sheffield City Centre. The fieldwork involved students collecting data using a variety of techniques including impact mapping, questionnaires, land use mapping, estimating tree carbon content and bi-polar surveys. All students (and staff!) showed tremendous resilience and good spirits despite the challenging weather conditions.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH PRESENTATION EVENING

On Tuesday 1st October, we held our Duke of Edinburgh Presentation Evening for those students who had completed either Bronze or Gold Awards in the last academic year. Mr Greenwood, our Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinator, presented certificates to all participants. A large audience enjoyed presentations from all DofE groups. Well done to all students, who demonstrated such resilience and determination.



Above: DofE 2018/19 Gold Cohort Qualifying Expedition Finishers in the car park, Ambleside

Below: DofE 2018/19 Bronze Cohort between Castleton and Edale



Dates for your Diary • 7th - 20th October 2019

Monday 7th October	Year 12 Prefect Applications open
Wednesday 9th October	Redhill Winter Games (Y9 / Y10)
Thursday 10th October	Trip - Year 7 Urban Studies
Thursday 10th October	Parent Forum (18:00 - 19:00)
Monday 14th October	Trip - Year 7 Urban Studies
Monday 14th October	Year 9 Science BOC Demonstration
Wednesday 16th October	Year 7 Settling-In Evening (18:30 - 20:30)
Saturday 19th October	Bronze Duke of Edinburgh walk

