

# Brookfield Community School

## A Specialist Sports College

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Our Ref: SE/acw

Dear Parent

It has once again been a busy term at Brookfield. In addition to their studies, students have been involved in a wide variety of trips, visits, sporting activities and other events which give them a wider school experience. You can read about some of these in the enclosed Brookfield News.

I have been particularly impressed this term in the way that our students have been involved in charity fundraising. Students organised the Wear it Pink Day, for Breast Cancer Care, in October; a Disney themed dance event to raise money for the 'Make a Wish Foundation'; a bake sale for the Poppy day appeal; collection of unwanted sportswear and Sixth Form football matches to raise money for Kit Aid; and more recently a variety of different events in order to raise funds for the Typhoon Haiyan appeal.

Term will end for students at 1pm on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2013**. On behalf of the staff and Governors I wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas break and look forward to seeing students for the new school term. School re-opens on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014**.

### Talented students

We like to support our students who have particular talents in activities that they follow out of school. If you have a child with a particular talent that requires significant commitment, or involves participating in competition at a high level and you think the school is not already aware of it, please let us know by contacting Mrs Howard.

### Extreme Weather Procedures

It is getting toward the time of year when we may face disruption due to weather conditions, particularly heavy falls of snow.

The school's intention is always to open as normal. In common with many other large secondary schools, our staff are drawn from a large area. Therefore, a key factor in any decision about opening in extreme conditions will be whether we can guarantee sufficient staffing to supervise all the students safely. If conditions prevent this, a decision will be taken, either to delay opening, or to close completely. A text will be sent to inform parents of this decision.

The latest situation regarding any possible closure will be posted on the school's web-site [www.brookfield.derbyshire.sch.uk](http://www.brookfield.derbyshire.sch.uk).

We will also notify local radio stations well before school starting time in the morning for an announcement to be made:

- Radio Sheffield 104.1, 88.6 and 94.7 FM
- Peak Radio 107.4 and 102 FM



### **Accessing the school site at the start and end of the day**

As you will be aware we have very limited space on the school site. At the start and end of the school day the main entrance becomes very congested with students and traffic. If at all possible I would ask that parents do not bring their cars onto the school site at these times.

### **Dates for the Diary**

Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 10 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Year 9 Options Evening
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 9 Parents' Evening
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Post 16 Taster Morning
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 7 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Internet Safety Day/E Safety Parents' Evening
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 8 Parents' Evening
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Deadline for Sixth Form Applications
17 <sup>th</sup> February – 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Half Term
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET Day
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	School Re-opens for students

Yours sincerely



Mr S Edmonds  
Acting Headteacher