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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We hope you and your families have had an enjoyable summer break and we are really looking forward to welcoming our students back onto campus on Thursday 29th August with the exception of Year 12 students, who start on Monday 2nd September. After such a long break it is easy to forget the routines and expectations of school and I hope that in sharing the information below we can make the transition back to school as smooth and successful as possible for your children.

First day (Thursday 29th August) - Year 7

Year 7 should arrive to school via the main gate no later than 8.30am, ready to start the day. Students will need to make their way to their Tutor Rooms at 8.40am. From here, students will receive a welcome from the Year 7 team and their tutor.

Any students arriving on site after 8.40am will be deemed late and marked accordingly in registers.

Student timetables - All Years

Students will receive their timetable during tutor time, alongside their planner and lanyards for Year 7. A reminder that students must bring these with them to school every day.

Student Photographs

We have arranged school photographs on Wednesday 4th September to take individual school photographs of our Year 7, 10 and 12 students.

Campus Transport

Bus passes for the new academic year will be issued once photographs have been taken. If you have received an email confirming your child's place, they can use their assigned service immediately.

Break and Lunch

From Thursday 29th August your child will be able to access the catering facilities in the canteen with their ID card (once monies have been uploaded to their Catering account by the parent/guardian).

Yr 7 will have their own canteen space in the Brookvale building and also their own designated outside area on the tennis courts for the first term but are permitted to go in all other areas of school except for the Post 16 areas.

Breakfast Club from 8am

We know that children learn better when they are fed, and therefore we operate a 'Breakfast Club' in the Brookvale Dining Room between 8am-8.30am each morning. Please do encourage your child to take advantage of this.

Tutors - Year 7

As a reminder, I have included our Year 7 Tutor Team in the table below, so you are aware of your child's tutor and contact details:

Tutor	Staff name	Email
7CMA	Mrs Claire Mawbey	cmawbey@brookvalegroby.com
7EKM	Mrs Emma Knill-MacArthur	eknill-macarthur@brookvalegroby.com
7FNO	Miss Fran Nolan	fnolan@brookvalegroby.com
7JLE	Mr Josh Leonard	jleonard@brookvalegroby.com
7ALI	Mrs Andrea Louis	alouis@brookvalegroby.com
7CTW	Mrs Charlotte Townsend	ctownsend@brookvalegroby.com
7SAL	Mrs Shelley Alban	salban@brookvalegroby.com
7SHO	Miss Sarah Holmes	sholmes@brookvalegroby.com
7FBA	Miss Felicity Barnes	fbarnes@brookvalegroby.com

Dropping off and collecting your child by car

Safeguarding of students is our number one priority. That is why we ensure staff are on duty, especially by the gates in the morning and after school every day. Typically myself and the pastoral team will be there every day should parents need to talk to us about any concerns.

The school car park is **not** accessible to parents/guardians at the start or end of the day for pick-up. Please make alternate arrangements, whilst being courteous to our neighbours who live very close by. Please do not park on Ratby Road.

Contacting the school for support

A reminder that your child's **Tutor** is **your first point of contact** for any day-to-day queries. Direct email addresses can be found above and also on the **school website** > **Contact** > **Staff Contact Details. See direct link here** > <u>How to Contact Staff | Brookvale Groby</u>

Please note that our Tutors are also classroom teachers and, therefore, are not always able to respond to telephone calls or emails immediately, however, they will endeavour to respond within 24 hours on any given school day.

Campus Culture

Over the past three years we have invested a significant amount of time and energy developing a consistent and understood BGLC Campus Culture, to ensure that our community is calm, safe, orderly and conducive

to learning and strong progress. We have outlined our routines and expectations in the document below for the benefit of our whole community and this will form the basis of our learning camp days too.

Campus Culture Document

Uniform & Equipment

Please ensure that your child has the correct uniform and equipment for the start of term, all Tutors will be checking this during form times. If items are clearly labelled, lost property can be reunited more easily with their owner.

A number of items can be purchased through our online school shop on Arbor. This includes replacement ID cards and both KS3 and KS4 school ties. Replacement lanyards are £1 cash from Reception.

Our uniform policy has not changed over the holidays and is outlined in detail on the link below:

Please could parents and carers ensure that makeup and jewellery is in accordance with our published policy and trainers / shoes are also plain black. These can sometimes create unnecessary issues at the start of term that can easily be avoided with your support. Support with these areas forms a fundamental part of our Home Campus Agreement.

Wellbeing

Our website contains lots of information about how you can support your child's mental health and wellbeing, a link can be found here. We are proud to have won the Hinckley and Bosworth Active Award for the best school in our community at supporting students' wellbeing, and we encourage students and their parents to share any concerns for mental health so that we can offer intervention. We have the support of our dedicated meditation and mindfulness life coach, Sandy, twice per week, and weekly drop ins from Teen Health. If you would like any more information please contact our Senior Mental Health Lead, Mrs Varney wvarney@brookvalegroby.com

Parent Information

Our website has a lot of information designed to support parents and carers with their child's education and much of this is located under the parent tab of our website. We also make use of a number of apps and online software to support independent learning and these are summarised below:

Parent App

We really look forward to working with your children in the coming term and building even stronger relationships with our parents and carers. Together we can make a significant difference to the success of your child's learning journey. We were delighted with this year's GCSE and A- level results that have seen improvements on 2023 and placing the school well above the national average

Yours sincerely,

W.A.

Will Teece

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