



August 2019

Dear Parents/Carers and Pupils

Re: Brockington College expectations 2019-20

I hope that everyone has managed to have a restful period at some point over the summer holidays and an enjoyable time together as a family. Thoughts are now starting to turn towards returning to school and I wanted to remind everyone of the expectations we have at Brockington College. We set these expectations as the minimum required to be successful at school and require the full support of pupils and parents/carers in meeting these expectations.

College uniform

As members of staff at the college, we do not wish to waste any learning time through discussions with pupils about non-school uniform items. However, we will insist that uniform standards are high and will require all pupils to adhere to the school uniform policy as highlighted on the college website.

In particular, I would remind pupils that:

- skirts must be at least 18 inches in length, fully or partially pleated and not tight to the body
- trousers must be tailored/formal and not tight to the leg below the knee. They must not be stretch/jersey material, denim, jeans, chinos, leggings, or have studs, rivets, zips (other than fly) or embroidery
- jewellery must be limited to a watch, a small stud earring in each ear lobe and a nose stud (for pupils in Year 9 -Year 11)
- footwear must be all black
- no nail varnish or false nails are to be worn
- the only sweatshirts worn should be Brockington College sweatshirts. Any other coats or outdoor wear should be placed in lockers on arrival.

We would respectfully ask that if unsure whether a particular style of skirt or trousers is suitable for school, you check first with the relevant Head of Year and/or retain the receipt in the event that the college deems the skirt/trousers not to conform to the uniform policy.

Mobile phones

Mobile phones are allowed to be brought to school, unless permission is withdrawn by the Principal. We appreciate that they are an important safety link with parents/carers when the pupil is travelling to and from school. In allowing pupils to bring mobile phones to school, pupils and parents/carers **MUST** accept the following basic principles.

- Mobile phones and any headphones must be kept in lockers at all times unless specifically required within a lesson for educational reasons.
- Mobile phones and/or headphones will be confiscated if seen by members of staff. Parents/carers are then required to collect confiscated items after school or on the next school day.
- Mobile phones must never be used in the school building or grounds for any purpose (other than at the specific direction of a member of staff).
- If it is necessary for a pupil to contact home for an essential reason, the telephone at reception should be used.

Equipment

The following items are the minimum required for daily use. Indeed, pupils will be required to have specialist equipment for certain subjects, particularly in Years 9, 10 and 11:

- full PE kit (see uniform policy)
- locker key
- pencil case
- pens



- pencils
- ruler
- rubber
- coloured pencils
- set of unbranded ear buds for use with computers/keyboards

Behaviour

We expect pupils to behave well and have a range of rewards to recognise good behaviour. However, we also have a behaviour policy that lays out how members of staff will respond to inappropriate behaviour at college. The behaviour policy is explained to all pupils in assemblies at the start of the new school year, however I would recommend that parents/carers and pupils read this policy over the holiday period. The policy can be viewed on the college website.

The behaviour policy has been designed to encourage good behaviour by all pupils; to make pupils accountable as soon as possible in the case of misbehaviour; to make pupils accountable to the member of staff for whom they misbehaved and to involve parents/carers when misbehaviour occurs. All members of staff at the college will apply and support the behaviour policy.

As part of the behaviour policy, pupils should be aware that chewing gum, energy drinks, fizzy drinks and oversize chocolate bars/bags of crisps are all banned from the school site. These items will be confiscated and, along with littering, will result in a detention being issued to pupils.

Respect

Our primary aim as a school is to prepare our pupils to become successful and happy adults. Academic success contributes towards this, but is not the most important factor. We place great emphasis on how our community relates to one another and will be encouraging everyone to adopt respectfulness as a common theme. We will be proactive in encouraging those that we work with to respect themselves, others and their environment in all circumstances. To this end, governors have agreed that 'respect' will become our eighth school value, alongside compassion, forgiveness, justice, koinonia, learning, perseverance and wisdom.

Homework

Obviously, we expect pupils to complete work at school and at home to the best of their ability. In order to help pupils with their homework and to allow parents/carers to check homework, the college uses a software package known as 'Show My Homework'. This allows pupils and parents/carers to check homework for completion through the internet.

School day 2019-20

| Years 7, 8 and 9 | | Years 10 and 11 | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Pupils arrival at school | 8.30 am | Pupils arrival at school | 8.30 am |
| Period 1 | 8.40am - 9.40am | Period 1 | 8.40am - 9.40am |
| Form time / assembly | 9.40am - 10.05am | Form time / assembly | 9.40am - 10.05am |
| KS3 break | 10.05am - 10.25am | Period 2 | 10.05am - 11.05am |
| Period 2 | 10.25am - 11.25am | KS4 break | 11.05am - 11.25am |
| Period 3 | 11.25am - 12.25pm | Period 3 | 11.25am - 12.25pm |
| KS3 lunch | 12.25am - 1pm | Period 4 | 12.25pm - 1.25pm |
| Period 4 | 1pm - 2pm | KS4 lunch | 1.25pm - 2pm |
| Period 5 | 2pm - 3pm | Period 5 | 2pm - 3pm |

We look forward to working with you in the new academic year, which for pupils starts on Thursday 29 August 2019.

Yours sincerely



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