



Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Update – May 2021

As we approach the May half term break, I would like to say how proud I am of all students and the way they have continued to conduct themselves throughout this challenging year. I know that everyone is looking forward to spending some quality time with friends and family over the May half term and I do hope that the weather is kind to enable us to make the most of this time together. The last day of this half term, **Friday 28 May, will be a whole school non-uniform day**, in aid of the British Asian Trust Oxygen for India Emergency Appeal. £1 donations can be paid, via ParentPay, on 27 and 28 May.

Changes to lunch periods during year 10 mock exams

During week commencing Monday 24 May and Monday 7 June, year 10 students will have their lunch break at 12.25pm to accommodate afternoon exams. The year 8 and 9 lunch period will therefore move to 1.25pm for these two weeks.

Outdoor clothing

You may remember that in November, as we headed into the winter months, we took the decision to temporarily allow students to wear coats, hoodies and other outdoor clothing, over their school uniform, in classrooms due to the increased ventilation throughout the college which made the classrooms colder. Now that we are heading into the warmer summer months, students will no longer be permitted to wear coats, hoodies and outdoor clothing when in the building after the half term break.

Lanyards and ID cards

After half term, students will be issued with individual lanyards and ID cards. The ID cards will display a unique barcode which can be used to purchase catering items via the ParentPay system, and for borrowing books from the library. We will remain a cashless school, but will no longer be operating a biometric system for students to purchase items with their finger print. Please ensure that your child's catering account is sufficiently topped up in order for them to make purchases at break and lunchtime. Your child's ID card and lanyard will form an important part of their uniform and as such, it is important that they are worn when on the school site. Please note that fees for lost lanyards and/or ID cards will be charged to ParentPay accounts.

Stationery items for sale via the school website

Learning is at the centre of our school motto and encompasses all the other school values and so naturally, certain basic items of equipment are vital to learning daily in school. We are pleased to be able to offer some basic stationery items on our website which may be purchased via ParentPay <https://www.brockington.leics.sch.uk/parents/uniform-and-equipment/>. Items will be distributed as soon as possible after payment.

- Stationery pack, containing:
 - pencil (HB)
 - pens (one black and one blue)
 - eraser
 - 15cm ruler
 - highlighter
 - glue stick
 - protractor
 - compass
- Coloured pencils (pack of 12)
- Scientific calculator
- Pack of 100 cue cards
- Earphones (for music and computing lessons)
- Clear pencil case (suitable for use in exams)

Students will be issued with home LFD tests to continue testing, twice weekly, over the half term period. We look forward to further announcements from the government as the roadmap continues and are already busy planning for next year; we will of course look forward to updating parents/carers with further information about the 2021-22 academic year as soon as we are able to. I hope you and your families have a restful and enjoyable half term break and we look forward to seeing the students return on Monday 7 June.

Yours sincerely

Sadie Batstone
Principal



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