



Dear Parents/Carers

## Re: Expectations - January 2022



### **Firstly - a huge thank you!**

We were completely overwhelmed by the generosity of Brockington College staff, students and families who donated gifts to our 2021 Christmas presents appeal. You can see them all displayed here, at the collection point, underneath our tree. The donations have now been received by the two charities nominated by staff and students; the Salvation Army Christmas Present Appeal and the Action Homeless Leicester Appeal. A huge thank you to you all – you will have helped to make Christmas special for those who have little or nothing under their tree on Christmas morning.

Furthermore, a whole host of talented students performed in our festive Christmas show on Thursday 9 December, which was so generously supported by family and friends; approximately £400 was raised which will also be donated to Action Homeless Leicester. Finally, we held a whole school non-uniform / Christmas jumper day on the last day of term. Thank you to all those who have already donated their £1; you will be able to donate, via ParentPay, until the start of term. Again, Action Homeless Leicester will benefit along with The Pituitary Foundation, both charities have been nominated by college staff and students.

In our drive to ensure the highest possible outcomes for our young people, and in line with our core values, we work exceptionally hard to develop students that demonstrate respect, commitment and achievement in all aspects of their life. We are very grateful for your continued support with this, ensuring that our high expectations are met. Please note the following reminders ahead of the return to school in January 2022.

### **Uniform**

At Brockington College, we have clear uniform expectations as detailed in our [uniform policy](#); and all students are expected to adhere to the wearing of full uniform at all times. Thank you for your continued support in helping to maintain a high level of uniform standard at Brockington College.

Key points to note include:

- navy blue polo shirt with college logo
- black trousers - tailored/formal trousers; must not be stretch/jersey material, denim, jeans, chinos, leggings, or have studs, rivets, zips or embroidery
- footwear suitable for school - we recommend that canvas shoes/ similar are not suitable; footwear must be all black, small heeled or flat and must not have any colouring on shoes/laces/stitching, no boots
- hairstyles should be suitable for school and avoid extremes, such as unnatural colour and style; colours including (but not limited to) pink, red, green and blue are not permitted
- jewellery - one small gold/silver stud per ear and a watch only
  - year 9,10 and 11 students may wear one small nose stud; this is not permitted for years 7 and 8
  - no hoop ear rings, necklaces or rings; no bracelets; no facial or other body piercings.

### **Equipment**

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

- pencil case
- pens
- pencils
- ruler
- rubber
- coloured pencils
- scientific calculator (model sold in school – CASIO fx-85GTX)
- glue stick
- maths set (protractor, compasses)
- set of unbranded ear buds for use with computers/keyboards



- an individual packet of personal tissues
- individual hand sanitizer.

If you have any queries about uniform or equipment, please do not hesitate to contact your child's form tutor, pastoral manager or head of year.

### Support with uniform and equipment

Pupil Premium funding from the government is given to schools to help students reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. It is provided for students who:

- are registered for free school meals
- have been registered for free school meals at any point in the past six years
- are, or have been, in care
- have parents in the armed forces.

At Brockington, we receive additional funding for every eligible student and this could make a real difference to the quality of education we offer and the opportunities for your child. For example, we have previously used this funding to provide:

- educational provision/resources, such as revision guides and exam packs
- academic interventions and workshops, such as small-group work in English and maths
- wellbeing and self-esteem building sessions
- support in purchasing uniform and PE kit
- support to take part in educational school trips.

For more information about the Pupil Premium, [visit our website](#), which contains details of how the funding has been used. I would encourage all families to take advantage of any and all support that the government is currently offering for children in school and to seek advice about applying for these benefits where you feel the need. If you have any questions about free school meals, Pupil Premium, support with uniform and equipment, or any other specific concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Mr J Barton, Vice Principal.

### 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 student is travelling to and from school. In allowing students to bring mobile phones to school, students 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 student to contact home for an essential reason, the telephone at reception should be used.
- Equally, should parents/carers need to get in touch with their son or daughter during the school day, then please contact the school reception where a message can be taken to your child.

I want to thank you for your ongoing support of the college. I hope that you are able to enjoy a peaceful festive period with your families and very much look forward to working with you again in the new year. Please remind students that they should be assembled, in line with their form group, at their designated point by 8.30am on their return date as highlighted below. Information about the start of term can be found on the [school website](#). Obviously, this information is based in the information as of 17 December 2021. If any changes do occur, we will of course communicate these with you as soon as possible.

Date	Return
Tuesday 4 January	Year 11 students attend for testing only, as per schedule
Wednesday 5 January	Year 11 students attend school Year 7 and Year 10 students attend for testing only, as per schedule
Thursday 6 January	Year 11, Year 7 and Year 10 students attend school Year 8 and Year 9 students attend for testing only, as per schedule
Friday 7 January	All students attend school

Yours sincerely



Sadie Batstone  
Principal

