



August 2022

Dear Parents/Carers and Students

## Re: Start of autumn term 2022-23 – arrangements and expectations

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. As no doubt your thoughts are starting to turn towards returning to school, I wanted to write and highlight key information and expectations.

### Start of term

Date	Students returning
Thursday 25 and Friday 26 August	Staff training
Monday 29 August	Bank holiday
Tuesday 30 August	Year 7 and year 11 students return to school
Wednesday 31 August	All students return to school

### Start of the day

Students should assemble for 8.30am in designated areas, as detailed below. Staff will be on hand on Tuesday 30 August to direct new year 7 students to the correct assembly point.

Year	Assembly point
7	Assemble in the square (enter via the PE gate)
8	Assemble on the Astro turf (enter via the Astro turf emergency gates)
9	Assemble on the Astro turf (enter via the Astro turf emergency gates)
10	Assemble on the netball court (MUGA)
11	Assemble on the netball court (MUGA)

### Car park

Over the summer we have been busy refurbishing and redecorating a number of areas across the school. We have also carried out work to increase capacity and safety within the car park.

Additional parking spaces and a new layout have been marked out for the safety of all. Please ensure that you drive carefully, park considerately and follow the new layout. As always, where possible we would encourage you to drop off and collect your child away from the school site, but please park considerately and avoid blocking driveways and entrances for those who live in close proximity to the school.

### Lockers

Locker payments have been added to year 7 ParentPay accounts. Please can parents and carers of year 7 students make payment via ParentPay before Friday 2 September. Lockers will be allocated to all students during the first week of term. Any student eligible for opportunities funding through the Pupil Premium will receive a locker; if payment has been made before information has been received by the school then the cost will be reimbursed.

### Break and lunch

Year 7 students will be given their ID cards during their first few days in school; existing students should ensure that they bring their card with them when they return to school. Replacement cards can be purchased via ParentPay. Please ensure that your child's catering account is topped up, from home via ParentPay, in advance of them buying food. It is essential that students bring their card to school with them every day in order to buy food at break and lunch times. The Astro turf will be available during some lunchtimes for access to play football only. In order to access and take part in a game, students will require shin pads and suitable footwear.

### Pastoral support

You child's form tutor should be your first point of contact for all enquiries and you will be informed of their individual email address. The work of our tutors is overseen by the heads of year and



pastoral managers. Details of the pastoral staff members associated with each year group are below.

Year	Head of year	Pastoral manager
7	Miss S Heggs	TBC
8	Mr J Stewardson	Mr T Smith
9	Miss A Gaskell	Mr S Coombs
10	Mr T Clark	Mrs H Underwood
11	Mr J Marsden	Mrs G Heath

We believe in working in a close partnership with parents/carers that involves trust and shared expectations. We encourage students to take responsibility for their actions, make the right choice, and recognise that, at times, we all make mistakes. Brockington College recognises that in building a school community and emphasising values such as respect, wisdom and justice, a Behaviour for Learning Policy must include rewards to increase aspirations. Our rewards policy is set alongside sanctions in order to emphasise fairness, justice and tolerance in our approach. The Brockington College Behaviour for Learning Policy provides greater detail and can be viewed on the school website.

### College uniform

As members of staff at the college, we do not wish to waste any learning time through discussions with students about non-school uniform items. However, we will insist that uniform standards are high and will require all students to adhere to the school uniform policy as highlighted on the college website. Thank you for your support with this. Please note: leggings are **not** part of the school uniform and, therefore, must not be worn.

### Mobile phones

Students may bring a mobile phone to school, but this is at their own risk. Students must ensure that mobile phones remain in lockers throughout the school day. If a mobile phone is seen during school hours, it will be confiscated and parents/carers will have to collect it from the school office.

### 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.

### Dates for your diary

Whilst the full calendar can be found on the school website, we have a number of events planned for the first half term and thought it would be useful to highlight these below.

### 'The year ahead' evenings

These evenings are a new addition and are in response to the parent survey carried out a few months ago. The aim of these evenings is to provide an overview of the year ahead and give guidance as to how parents and carers can support their children. Year 7 parents/carers will already have had this information as part of the July transition meeting.

Year	Year ahead evening
11	Tuesday 6 September 6pm-7pm
10	Thursday 8 September 6pm-7pm
9	Tuesday 13 September 6pm-7pm
8	Thursday 15 September 6pm-7pm



## Archbishop of York Young Leaders' Award presentation evenings

We are very proud of our year 8, year 9 and year 10 students who have completed the Archbishop of York Young Leaders' Award over the past 12-18 months. This work was undertaken within RS lessons and form time and through students' tremendous efforts at home. On average, a staggering 80% of our students have achieved this award. In order to celebrate this achievement, we will, by separate letter, be inviting the students and parents/carers to a presentation evening whereby we will showcase the work completed and present certificates to the students.

Year	Presentation evening
8	Monday 19 September 6pm-7pm
9	Tuesday 20 September 6pm-7pm
10	Wednesday 21 September 6pm-7pm



### Year 7 SEND coffee morning – Wednesday 21 September 9.30am-10.30am

We are holding a SEND coffee morning / drop in session for parents/carers of children with SEND in year 7 to meet the SEND team and find out more about what we do to support students.



### Post-16 information evening - Thursday 6 October 5pm-7pm

Open to year 10 and year 11 students and parents/carers, this event will provide an opportunity to speak to an array of post-16 providers, employers and universities and encourage students to start to think about their next steps after they leave Brockington College. More information will be sent out nearer the time.



### Year 7 settling in evening - Thursday 13 October 6pm

An opportunity for year 7 parents/carers to discuss the first half term at Brockington College with their child's form tutor. Further information will be sent out nearer the time.

### Activities beyond school

Brockington College is keen to encourage all students to 'live life to the full'. Although more information will be provided to parents/carers as part of the 'the year ahead' evenings, we are continuing to expand opportunities beyond the classroom. To help us to do this we are really keen to gain a better understanding of the interests, successes and service of our students so that we can encourage them in all they do whether in or out of school. Additionally, it will better inform us as we seek to create further opportunities. We would really like all parents to complete this survey for each child. Therefore, please take a few minutes to complete the questions below by September 5th. Many thanks for your contribution. [The link to the survey can be found here.](#)



I want to thank you for your ongoing support of the college. I hope that you are able to enjoy the rest of the summer break and very much look forward to working with you in the new academic year.

Yours sincerely

Sadie Batstone  
Principal

