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Dear All,

Welcome to the New Academic Year 2024/25

Happy New Year to you all and hope you had a well-deserved break. We are back and it has been great to welcome the learners this week with a short assembly to share plans for the year with them. A special welcome to all our Year 7 learners and new learners who have joined us in the other Year Groups as well.

Also welcome to our new families.

Below are the plans for the next 2 weeks.

Transition Timetable Update

Thank you for working with us on the transition plans to enable us to settle all our learners back into the school community after the break. This is important to us as we are growing in numbers to 64 learners this year making up 8 classes between Year 7-11.

We also have our first Year 11 Cohort who will be working towards their end of year exams and next destinations (Post 16) at the end of the Academic Year.

We will be completing baseline assessments next week as part of information gathering to drive the curriculum development as a focus this year and to establish appropriate support for teaching and learning and formal examinations amongst a robust pastoral support system to develop their Social, Emotional Aspects of Learning.

We will be sending all learners home with a work pack to complete on the day they are not in school. Please support us to get them to complete and bring back to school for marking and feedback.

Social Media

We have this week been informed by our learners on their social media activities. Whilst some of the information is great, there has also been some concerns shared and recorded for next steps. Please continue to monitor your child's activity and share any concerns with us to support to keep them safe.

Staff Update:

Ms Pip Payne is now on Adoption Leave and will return in the Summer Term.

We have recruited new staff to the team as we grow with Pastoral Lead/ Safeguarding Manager, Kitchen Assistant, Teachers and TA's. The recruitment cycle will continue through the year in preparation for next year.



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New Pastoral Team

We have also established our Pastoral Team for each year group to offer extra support to every learner and our families to ensure there is clear communication between school and home and all other external support needed.

The team are Ms Bridgman-Year 10/11, Ms Archer-Year 9, Ms McIntosh-Year 8, Ms Finan-Year7

Regular Events this Term

We will be organising a family coffee morning this term and will share some dates and times with you next week. This will be an opportunity for us to catch up and share any useful information as well as concerns to work together.

Training

As part of keeping children safe in education, all staff at Brook have completed series of Mandatory Training this week including Team Teach which is positive behavioural strategies to transform outcomes for children and foster positive relationships with an element of physical intervention which will be used as a last result when it is reasonable, proportionate and in the best interest of the child to keep them and others safe.

School Website

We apologise for any misinformation on our school website. It is under review for update so please contact the Academy Office for any queries.

Welcome once again and we look forward to another successful year.

Thank you for working with us and look forward to meeting you all soon.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kay Sarpong', is written in a cursive style.



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