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**Dear All,**

### **Highlights of Week 6**

Happy Sunny Friday! We have enjoyed moments of sunshine this week at school and continues to take advantage of our surroundings to learn outside the classroom. As a team we travelled to Sky Academy in Taunton to join colleagues from our Special Schools to share good practice. We hope to continue to reflect on our practice to make every child successful.

More importantly, we had our first match as a school team against St Lukes Academy in Swindon. Unfortunately, we lost 5-2 to our opponents but a proud moment for our team and their efforts to work together in a short space of time. Watch the space for future fixtures.

Thank you for your support in sending your child to school. We had our colleagues who visited our school community to review and reflect with us on our work. They provided us with positive feedback as well as actions to follow as part of the focus on Quality of Education and SEND (Meeting Need)

Please note that school will be closed on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025 for our Staff Development Day. This means our last day of Term will be Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025 and school will finish at normal time.

### **Activities next week**

Every class have chosen an activity to do next week and would encourage you to make sure your child is in school to take part. This will range from trips to the Cirencester, Cinema, Tewkesbury Abbey, Park and Easter Egg Hunt. We are all looking forward to a well-deserved fun pack week to finish a long term for the Easter Break. Can you please send your child to school with their permission slip for their trip or call the school office to give us your permission.

### **Vaping**

This week some of our students made the poor choice to vape in front of staff after hiding it on them when they arrived in school. The vape was taken away and parents were informed followed by the appropriate consequence and support to ensure this does not happen again in the future. There will also be a whole school reflection in Assembly on Monday and we will invite external partners to come and support us to educate our school community about the dangers of vaping, smoking, and using substances. Please check your child's bag before they leave home and share with us anything that would enable us to be proactive in supporting them.

### **Swimming for Year 9B**

Due to the activities in the last week, swimming is cancelled to be re-scheduled for Term 5 after the Easter Holidays.



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### **Term 4 Dates for your Diary**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025 - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**School Inset Days-Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

### **Concerns/Social Media**

Thank you to you all as we received some concerns this week about some of our students and their communication on social media. With your support we have been able to support the student and other students who were affected by the communication. Please keep monitoring your child's activity on social media.

### **Football Training**

The training session is every Thursday in Period 6 before the end of the school day. Students wishing to take part should be reminded and supported to bring their training kit on Thursday.

### **Teacher Adverts/Update**

The recruitment cycle is going and would be grateful for your help to share the advert below on our behalf.

**Please see links below for Teacher and TA roles:**

The link to the vacancy on Eteach is:

<https://www.eteach.com/careers/brookacademy/job/level-2-teaching-assistant-1475702>

The link to the vacancy on Diversity Jobs is: <https://www.lgbtjobs.co.uk/job/teaching-assistant-level-2-5>

The link to the vacancy on Eteach is:

<https://www.eteach.com/careers/brookacademy/job/class-teacher-1475683>

The link to the vacancy on Diversity Jobs is: <https://www.lgbtjobs.co.uk/job/class-teacher-11>

### **Food Bank**

Food Bank is open, and we can offer care packages to families. Please let the office know if you would like support and we will arrange this for you.



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Thank you for working with us and have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,

### **Attendance Information**

We would like to say a **big thank you** to all our Brook Academy parents and carers for supporting your children to attend school and engage so well with their learning. We know that this reflects the value our families place on children learning in school every day. We are looking forward to continuing to work together, to support best attendance and learning.

You may be aware that the government has made some changes to the penalty notices for unauthorised absence rules, which came into effect from 19 August 2024, in time for the new school year.

Our academy's approach to leave of absence requests will still be the same – we will not authorise any leave of absence in term time, unless satisfied the reason is exceptional. We ask parents and carers to **request permission in advance**, and only if necessary. Any requests should be put in writing via the appropriate form (available from the school office) and wherever possible with at least four school weeks' notice. To assist parents and carers in booking holidays and arranging other events, our term date information can be found here [Term Dates - Brook Academy](#)

From 19 August, if a child has at least 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in 10 school weeks, their parent/carer(s) may receive a penalty notice. (A morning or afternoon is one session; a whole school day is two sessions.) However, the government's rules also allow for penalty notices to be issued for less unauthorised absence, in some circumstances, for example where parents or carers appear to be avoiding the national threshold by taking several term time holidays below threshold, or for repeated absence for birthdays or other family events which the school has not authorised absence for.

Also, a reminder that you must let school know by 0930 if your child will be absent.

Please contact our attendance lead, Emily Allan, if you need any support with your child's attendance [emily.allan@clf.uk](mailto:emily.allan@clf.uk)



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