



# BROOKVALE GROBY LEARNING CAMPUS

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Dear Parents and Carers

FOR ALL YEAR 11 STUDENTS

Welcome to the start of the new academic year. Thank you in anticipation for all your hard work and support for our students as they begin their final GCSE year.

In accordance with our 'Work Hard, Be Kind' motto I am writing to you to share with you:

- our guide to learning on campus,
- our updated equipment list,
- a reminder of our uniform expectations.

The guide to learning is a detailed booklet on how lessons are designed to support our young people with all the knowledge and skills they need to be successful on campus. The equipment list has been updated showing that all students need a purple pen and a ring binder to store their knowledge organisers.

The major changes for all our students are the expectations regarding **homework**. **All students in Years 7 to 11 are expected to spend at least an hour a day on their homework**. They are to divide their time between 20 minutes of reading, 20 minutes of maths using MyMaths online (the work is set by their teacher) and 20 minutes of revision for their subjects (using their Knowledge Organisers). All the information you need regarding homework is detailed in the 'Parents and Carers Guide to Learning' attached with this letter. Year 11 students may be expected to do additional homework on top of this as they get nearer to their final examinations. Please read this booklet carefully so that you can support your child with their homework.

This new approach to homework makes life much easier for you as parents and carers, as you know exactly what to expect of your child each day. Regular use of knowledge organisers to 'revise' subjects will mean students are far better prepared for their GCSE examinations. Research shows that it is far better to space out revision over a longer time period (attached is a leaflet about spaced learning). If you wish to find out more about how we have changed our approach to learning then please attend our first **Parent Forum on Wednesday 10 October 2018 at 6.30pm** in the Groby Building where we will be giving a short briefing about our new homework structure.

If you have any questions about what you need to do with regards to supporting homework or any aspect of your child's study then please contact their Tutor using the 'contact us' section of the website.

Thank you again for your support.

Yours sincerely

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