



BROOKFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL

THE SCHOOL

Brookfield is an 11-18 comprehensive school, situated on the western edge of Chesterfield in a pleasant suburb. The school started its life in 1991, following a major reorganisation of secondary education in Chesterfield and was formed by the amalgamation of an 11-16 mixed school, a 13-18 boys' school and a 13-18 girls' school. In 2011 the school converted to Academy status, although we still maintain healthy links with the Local Authority and play an active role in the local Learning Community.

The number on roll is approximately 1200, which includes a healthy Sixth form. Post 16 students have a large part to play in the school, working with younger students, helping with primary schools, and taking part in wide range of projects including Young Enterprise and the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Brookfield has an excellent reputation for a wide variety of sporting and cultural activities, which complements rather than overshadows academic success. There are many opportunities for young people to fully develop their potential, whether it is in academic work, sports, or one of the many extra-curricular activities that take place.

There are excellent links with the community, including a wide ranging work experience scheme. Work Experience has also been extended with highly successful programmes abroad in France, Germany and Spain.

The School Council is very active in presenting students' views, and in securing improvements to the school environment. Students are heavily involved in leadership activities, particularly through sport, but increasingly across the curriculum.

Strong links with parents keep everyone informed of events, activities and progress, and a dedicated Parents Association provides extras which would otherwise be beyond our reach. Over the years the association has funded a new minibus, redecoration of the main foyer, improvements to the Library and provided additional seating for covered outside areas.

The school is currently embracing change following a disappointing OFSTED outcome in May 2018 and is in the process of joining a Multi Academy Trust. This is seen as a real opportunity for the school to further extend its current academic and pastoral success.

Ofsted May 2018

- *"The proportion of pupils who achieved a standard pass in English and mathematics in 2017 was considerably higher than the national average. The proportion of pupils who achieved a strong pass in these subjects was also much higher than the national average."*
- *"Students make good progress in the sixth form. In 2017, progress in academic courses increased and was above the national average."*
- *"Pastoral support is strong. Pupils benefit from help to re-integrate when they return to school from absences as a result of ill health. Staff work hard to help pupils develop and maintain good mental health. Those in need are supported well."*
- *"Pupils receive high-quality careers education, information, advice and guidance. They are well informed about the opportunities available to them for the next steps. The proportion of pupils who move on to further education, employment or training is consistently above the national average."*

More information can be found on the school's website: www.brookfield.derbyshire.sch.uk