



### 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.

In our latest OFSTED inspection (December 2014) we were graded as 'Good' and the following areas were highlighted in the summary section:

- Students value the good teaching they receive and teachers' willingness to provide extra support through revision classes. Teachers' good subject knowledge inspire students' interest.
- Students behave well in lessons and around the school despite the sometimes, cramped conditions. They are polite and courteous to adults and support each other well.
- The academy's efforts to keep students safe are outstanding. Students say that bullying is very rare and that there is always someone they can go to for support. They have a very good understanding of how to keep themselves safe.
- The sixth form is good. Students show strong commitment to their studies as a result of consistently good teaching and the feedback they receive. They make a significant contribution to school life by supporting younger students and acting as good role models.
- The curriculum that students follow is well matched to their abilities and interests. It includes a strong focus on promoting students' outstanding spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.

Brookfield is a school of which we are justly proud, and we anticipate further successes in the years to come.

**"Brookfield Community School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment."**

More information can be found on the school's website:

[www.brookfield.derbyshire.sch.uk](http://www.brookfield.derbyshire.sch.uk)