



The Brook Mead Bulletin

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A video update from Brook Mead's Principal Rita Hindocha MBE



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Brook Mead Academy Receives Government Green Light

We have written to you to tell you that we have secured the funding agreement from the Department of Education. This confirms that we are definitely going to be opening and **welcoming your children to Brook Mead in September this year**. We have therefore sent out letters confirming our offer of a place for your child. Thank you to all those parents who have already replied and accepted our offer!

Recruitment of staff

We have been really busy recruiting our founding team of staff. We have had a huge response to all the posts we have advertised. The idea of working at a brand-new school has really caught the imagination of talented teachers across the city, county and country. They want to be part of a new school which will build up the curriculum year by year and be part of the founding team which can really shape a special educational experience for children in our city.

In January we have appointed a very talented **Assistant Principal** who is also a highly qualified and experienced teacher of maths. He currently works at a school in Warwickshire leading the maths department. Some of you may know **Mr Rule** who leads on music across our secondary schools. From September, he will be joining the leadership team and work across both Brook Mead and Castle Mead. His experience, expertise and enthusiasm will be hugely valuable. Together, we will make sure we get off to a flying start at Brook Mead.

We have also appointed an exceptional **Curriculum Leader for English** who comes to us with a national reputation having taught lessons on Oak Academy. She currently teaches at a large county school up to A Level and has already designed a wonderful curriculum for Brook Mead pupils which will include the teaching of **Latin**. We will be the only state school in Leicester, perhaps the East Midlands, to be able to offer Latin to all year 7s. This will help boost the development of children's language skills in a unique way.

Also, we have appointed our **Special Educational Needs Coordinator**, a very experienced teacher with a big personality who brings a lot of expertise to the school. This is a really important post as we want to get our provision right for children with additional needs.

We will also have a young and talented teacher of **French** joining us from a school in Derbyshire.

We are in the process of interviewing for leaders and **teachers in French, science**, history and geography in the next two weeks. All in all, we are putting together **an exceptional team of founding staff** for your children.

All the interviews have been completed online due to current Covid restrictions, conducted from my study at home!

However, we have still been able to design a really fair but rigorous process for candidates, enabling us to identify who will best serve the needs of our pupils. Throughout, we have been thoroughly supported by our colleagues at **Rushey Mead, Orchard Mead and Castle Mead** who have sat on panels to make sure we only appoint the best people to our posts. As always, Brook Mead is part of a larger family of schools and this support is invaluable for a new school.



Dates for your diary

As National Offer Day approaches for parents with children in year 6, we wanted to offer you the opportunity to learn more about the school and talk to the team. All of the sessions will be held remotely. Places can be booked on our website www.brook-tmet.uk.

Event	Date	Time	Location
Virtual Open Day	Saturday 6th March 2021	Slots available between 10.00am – 2.00pm	Online via Zoom
Virtual Open Evening	Wednesday 10th March 2021.	6.00pm and 7.00pm	Online via Zoom
Virtual Open Day	Saturday 20th March 2021	Slots available between 10.00am – 2.00pm	Online via Zoom

A uniquely challenging year for families and children.

We realise that this year is very different and challenging for year 6 pupils. The move to secondary school may seem even more daunting than usual. Therefore, the prospect of starting in a school with **only year 7s** may be even more appealing and reassuring. Our staff will be able to focus their full attention on the Brook Mead year 7 pupils and really nurture them towards excellence. Each pupil will be known and cherished and they will have the full attention of our expert and high-quality team of staff.

Uniform Update

The design for our tie has been finalised after much thought! The racing green them of the blazer will be matched in the tie with its embossed motif of the brook in the background.

The founders' badge has been re designed so that the colours are more vibrant. Only those who start the school in the first year will be able to have these badges.



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