

Friday 08 April 2022

Dear parents / carer(s),

As we approach the end of another busy term I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support you have given both to your child and to the school. It has been amazing to meet with the students and staff at Lees Brook. I am so proud of all the achievements I have seen so far including the vast amount of students who have been rewarded this term with badges, certificates and gold and platinum reward cards.

Please remember that we are here to work in partnership with you to ensure that your child achieves their potential. We have an 'open door' policy and are keen to be available should you need a conversation about any matter concerning your child, so please keep in touch. In addition to this, I am pleased to confirm that our coffee mornings and meet and greet sessions have now been confirmed for Thursday 12th May at 5.30pm and Saturday 14th May at 10am I, along with the Senior Leadership Team would welcome the chance to meet with you all to provide an opportunity to discuss how we can continue to build a successful partnership.

We are delighted to inform you that, following consultation with staff, pupils, AAB members and trustees from Archway Learning Trust, we will be changing the school name and logo from September 2022. We are proud to announce that Lees Brook Community School will change to Lees Brook Academy in line with other academies within the trust. We will communicate more information about this in the next few weeks. If you have any comments or questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to email [schoolinfo@leesbrook.co.uk](mailto:schoolinfo@leesbrook.co.uk). Please be reassured this change will not come at any additional expense to our families as any changes to uniform will be phased in.

We know that evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests than those who don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures. A child's reading skills are important to their success in school as they will allow them to access the breadth of the curriculum and improve their communication and language skills. With this in mind, we will be introducing a new 'Drop Everything and Read' session one morning a week during tutor time for Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils. Please ensure that your child brings a reading book to school with them each day. Books can be loaned through tutors and we are hoping that the school library will be up and running in the next few weeks for all our students to access.

Our Post 16 provision continues to go from strength to strength and I am very excited to announce that we have a new Level 3 Sports Course available from September. This is in addition to the very popular courses already on offer in Skills Academy. Please see our website or contact the school for more details.

Finally, please can all parents and carers be aware that the school gates will not be open from 8.30am-8.45am and 2.50pm-3.10pm. This is to ensure that our students can leave the site safely without any traffic in and out of the school.

I hope you all have a wonderful break and I look forward to hopefully meeting you at one of our coffee mornings or meet and greet sessions very soon.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Watson', followed by a period. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mrs C Watson  
Interim Principal