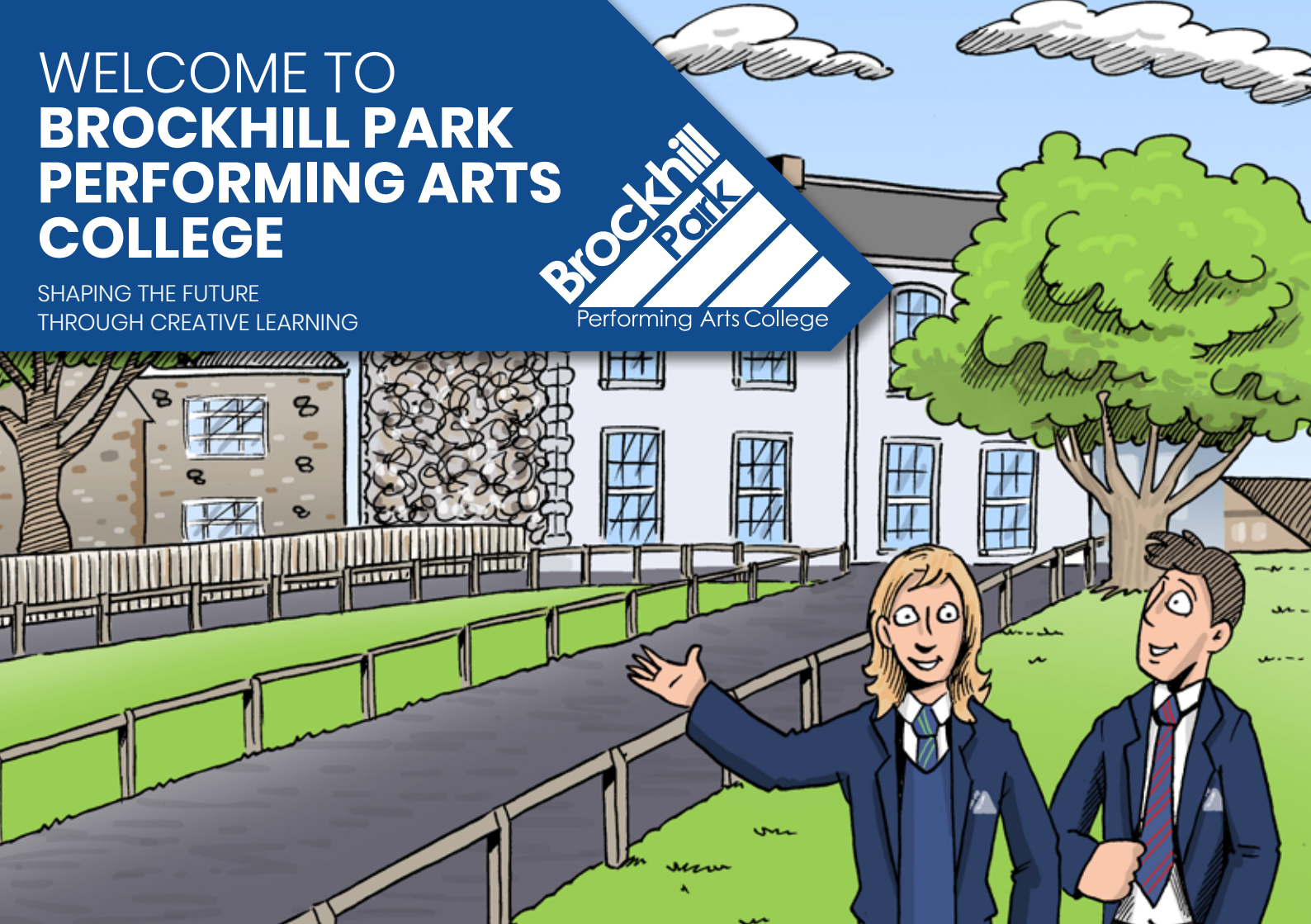


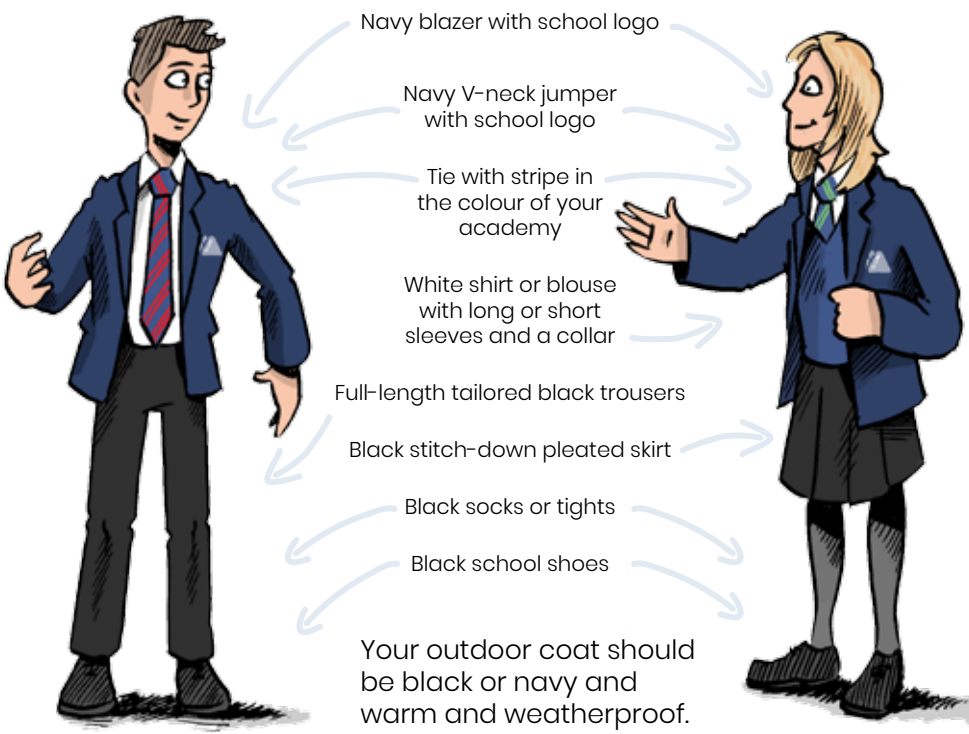
WELCOME TO BROCKHILL PARK PERFORMING ARTS COLLEGE

SHAPING THE FUTURE
THROUGH CREATIVE LEARNING



WHAT WILL I NEED FOR MY FIRST DAY?

We have high standards at Brockhill Park, so wearing the correct uniform from your first day is important.

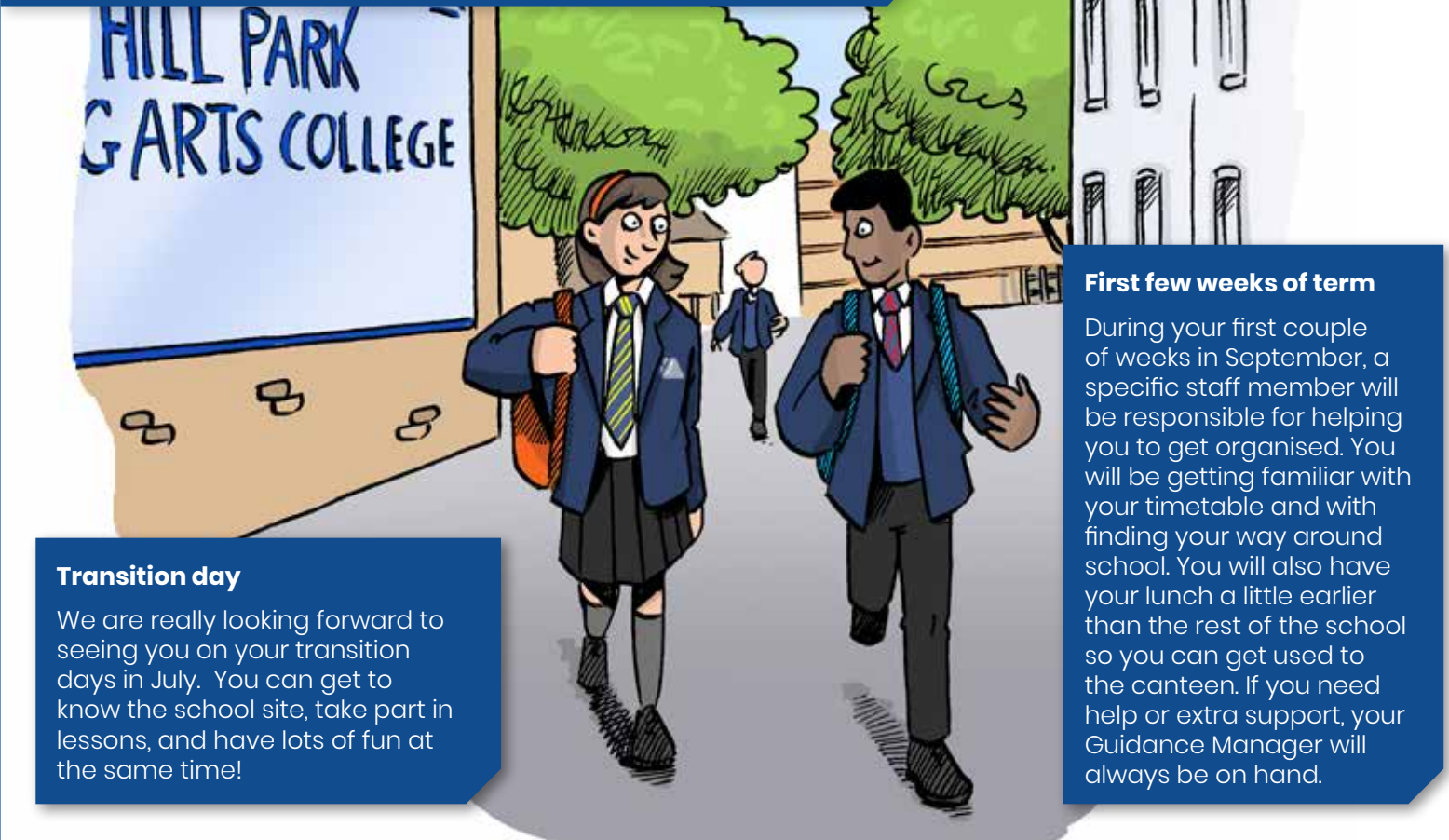


You should also bring a bag that is large enough to carry your books and equipment.



Useful equipment to bring to school each day includes: **an English dictionary**, a pencil sharpener, **a French/English dictionary**, a rubber, **a 12"/30cm ruler**, a set of coloured pens or pencils, **a protractor**, a 2B drawing pencil, **a pair of drawing compasses**, a fiction or non-fiction reading book, **a Casio scientific calculator**.

HOW WILL YOU HELP ME SETTLE IN?



Transition day

We are really looking forward to seeing you on your transition days in July. You can get to know the school site, take part in lessons, and have lots of fun at the same time!

First few weeks of term

During your first couple of weeks in September, a specific staff member will be responsible for helping you to get organised. You will be getting familiar with your timetable and with finding your way around school. You will also have your lunch a little earlier than the rest of the school so you can get used to the canteen. If you need help or extra support, your Guidance Manager will always be on hand.

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF ME?

Ground rules

The following ground rules are displayed in every classroom and are printed in the student planner. They supplement the code of conduct and lay down the basic requirements for students' behaviour on entering, during and on leaving lessons.



'Personal best' work will be recognised by live Merit Points that your teacher will send to your parents immediately and by Commendations sent home at the end of every term.

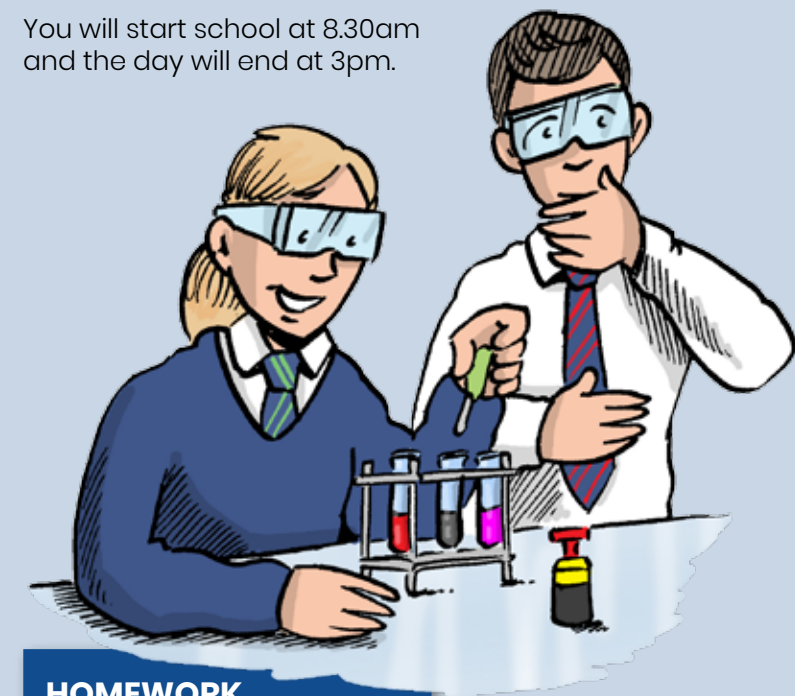
At the beginning and during lessons or registration

1. Students enter the room with the teacher's permission.
2. On entering, students remove topcoats, sit down and get out the equipment needed for the lesson and begin to consider the learning intention written on the board.
3. The teacher decides where students sit and may vary this from lesson to lesson.
4. Courtesy – students will not talk when the teacher is talking to the whole class.
5. Courtesy – students will not talk when another student is talking to the teacher and the whole class.

6. Consideration – students will not distract others from working or interrupt when the teacher is working with a small group.
7. If a student needs help or advice at any stage, they will raise their hand and wait quietly until the teacher is able to deal with them.
8. At the end of a lesson, students will quietly follow the teacher's instructions for dismissal.
9. While moving to another lesson or lunch, students will move quietly and without fuss.
10. Respect and tolerance – students will support each other's learning and the teacher by always following these ground rules.

WHAT HAPPENS IN A SCHOOL DAY?

You will start school at 8.30am and the day will end at 3pm.



HOMEWORK
In Year 7, you will have homework once a week for each subject you study.



SCHOOL TRANSPORT
The school buses depart from the Turning Circle, and staff will be on hand to ensure you board the correct bus. You will never be left behind.
If you have an after-school activity, you must make your own arrangements to get home.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

The wide range of subjects you will study in Year 7 includes:



DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

DANCE

ENGLISH

FRENCH

CITIZENSHIP

GEOGRAPHY

MUSIC

RE

SCIENCE

COMPUTER SCIENCE

PE

ART

DRAMA

HISTORY

MATHEMATICS

...AND THE GREAT OUTDOORS!



WHAT EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES CAN I TAKE PART IN?



We also run exciting school trips throughout the year. Some popular trips include skiing and showing our farm animals at the Kent County Show.

We run lots of brilliant clubs and activities at lunchtimes and after school. They are an excellent opportunity to explore an interest or try something new. They include:

- ART HISTORY CLUB** **BOARD GAMES** BOOK CLUB **BOYS' DANCE CLUB** **CHESS CLUB** CHOIR **CLASSICS CLUB**
CORE PLAY: TRICKS AND FLIPS IN DANCE CREATIVE WRITING CLUB **DRAMA CLUB** **DRAUGHTS AND BOARD GAME CLUB** DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME **FILM CLUB** **FRENCH CLUB** GUITAR CLUB **GYM AND FITNESS CLUB**
HOMEWORK CLUB INCLUSION AND EQUALITY – PRIDE CLUB **INSTEP DANCE COMPANY** **KEYBOARD CLUB**
LAMDA: DRAMA QUALIFICATION **LEGO CLUB** **MATHS SUPPORT CLUB** MUSIC TECH CLUB **ONLINE FRENCH GAMES**
OPEN MIC RETRO GAMES **ROCK SCHOOL** **TEACH ME YOUR LANGUAGE** THE HISTORY CLUB **THEATRE TECH CLUB:**
LIGHTING AND SOUND DESIGN TRADING CARD CLUB TRASH TO TREASURE DT CLUB **WELLBEING DROP IN**
YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB YOUNG INVESTIGATORS

WHO CAN I SPEAK TO IF I AM WORRIED OR UPSET?

Dealing with change

Starting secondary school is exciting, but you might also have some worries. We know that secondary school is very different from primary school. There are a lot more students and you will be taught by different teachers instead of just one or two.

Our academy system

To make the transition to secondary school easier for you, we have split our school into four academies. Each academy is led by a team of staff who will get to know you and look after you throughout your time at Brockhill Park. You will belong to Eden, Medway, Rother, or Stour.

Asking for help

You will have a Guidance Manager who you should turn to if you are upset, worried or have fallen out with your friends, for example.

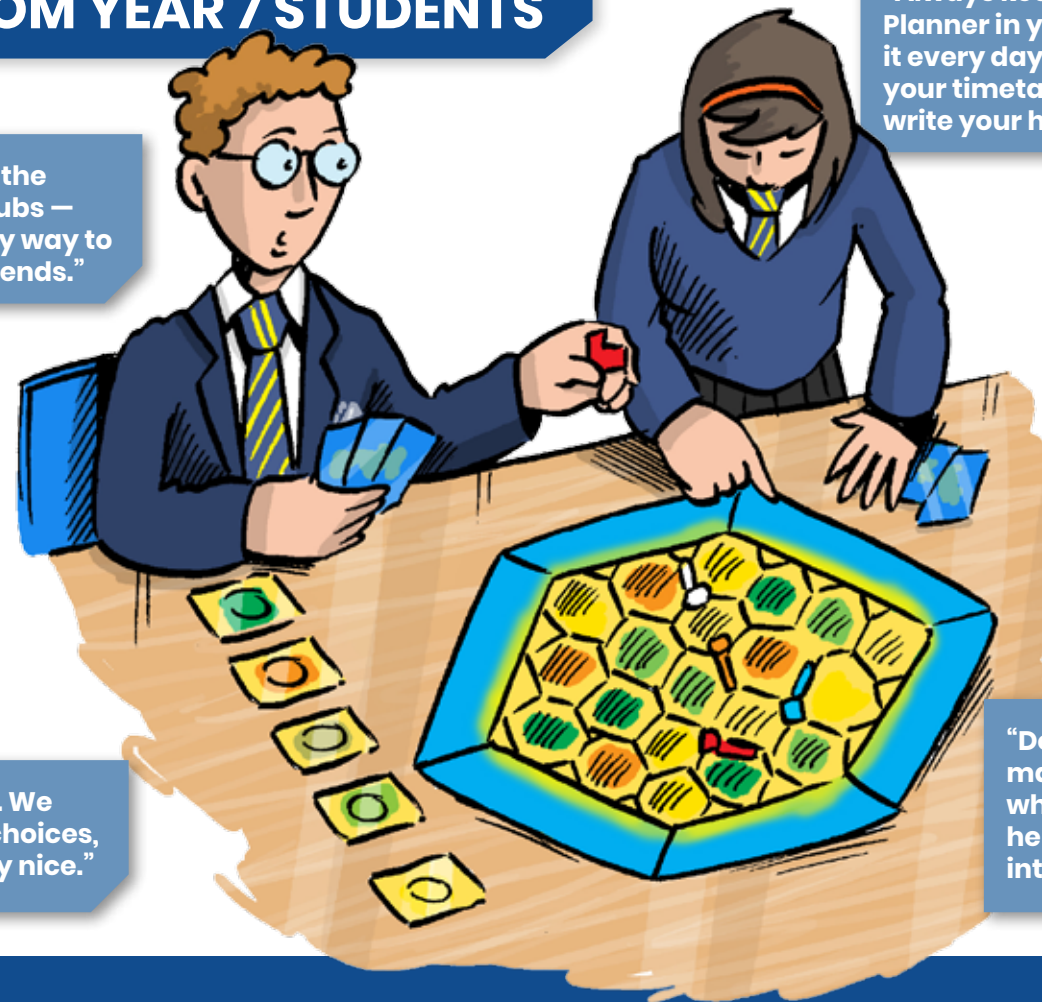
If your parents or carers have any questions or concerns, your academy team will answer them.



You will meet your academy team during your transition days in July, so you will have a friendly face to look out for in September.

TIPS FROM YEAR 7 STUDENTS

“Take part in the lunchtime clubs — that’s an easy way to make new friends.”



“Always keep your Student Planner in your bag. You need it every day, and it has a map, your timetable and pages to write your homework in.”

“Try the food. We have lots of choices, and it is really nice.”

“Don’t be scared to make new friends when you join. Say hello to people and introduce yourself.”

PERFORMING ARTS AT BROCKHILL PARK



Brockhill Park is a performing arts college. In Year 7 and Year 8, you will have drama, dance and music lessons every week. These fun lessons will build your confidence and develop your teamwork and communication skills.

You will also be encouraged to perform on stage in shows throughout the year, including variety shows, music concerts and school musicals. These are performed in our professional theatre, which has incredible sound and lighting.

Instep Dance Company is our company in residence. It runs dance lessons and workshops at school in the evening for students and the local community. Instep produces a Summer Dance Show every year.

FARM AND FARM SHOP

Brockhill Farm

Brockhill Park is very lucky to have a working farm on its beautiful site.

You will find cattle, sheep, pigs, chickens, and small animals on our farm. All our farmyard animals are reared for meat that is sold in our Farm Shop next to the walled garden.

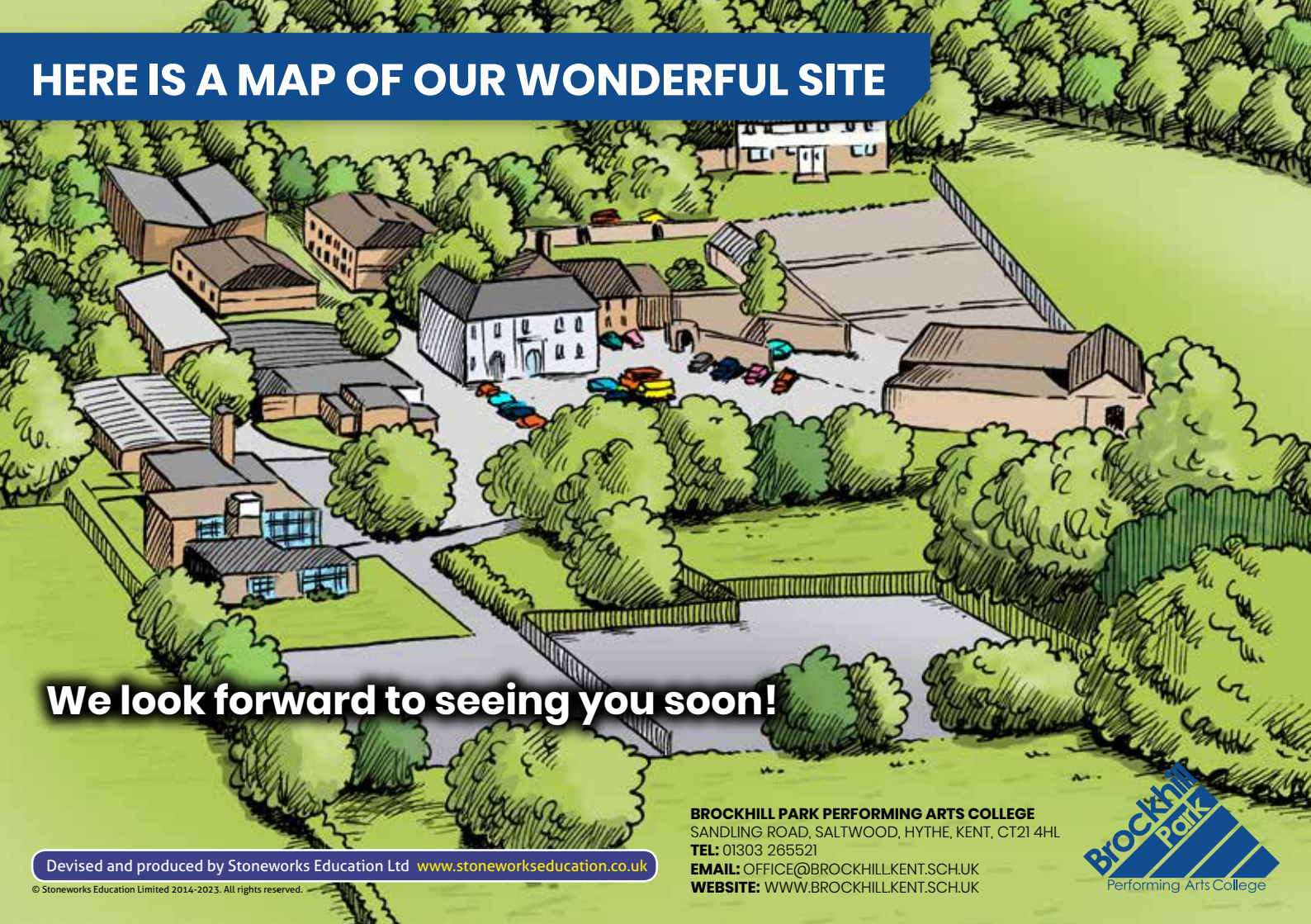
Great Outdoors lessons

Every student in Years 7 and 8 has a Great Outdoors lesson every week. In Year 7, you will learn about healthy eating and food miles, and take part in activities including the lambing year, riding our smoothie bike and omelette making.

Young Farmers' club

Our Young Farmers' club meets weekly on our farm to learn about animal welfare, husbandry and show technique. Every year we show our animals at the Kent County Show in July, and the Ashford Fatstock Show in December. The club also runs public events, including Open Farm Sunday in the Spring and Carols with the Animals at Christmas.





HERE IS A MAP OF OUR WONDERFUL SITE

We look forward to seeing you soon!

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