

APPLICATION PACK

This pack contains the following documents:

1. Application for Admission Form
2. School Agreements (also known as our Open Letter)

Once completed, please also include a copy of your passport, copies of recent school reports, a passport photo and your application processing fee of £20.

If you have any queries please contact the Admissions Office either by email: enquiry@brockwood.org.uk or telephone: 0044 (0) 1962771744.

Office Use Only
Date Received:
Application Fee:

BROCKWOOD PARK SCHOOL

Application for Admission

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Student Information

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| Full Name: First | Middle | Last |
| Nickname or Preferred Name: | Email address: | |
| Date of Birth: (dd/mm/yyyy) | Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Country of Passport: | Passport Number: | |

Mother

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| Name: | Phone: | Mobile: |
| Address: | City: | |
| County/State: | Postcode/Zip: | Country: |
| Occupation: | Work Telephone: | |
| Email: | | |

Father

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| Name: | Phone: | Mobile: |
| Address: (if different to above) | City: | |
| County/State: | Postcode/Zip: | Country: |
| Occupation: | Work Telephone: | |
| Email: | | |

Applicant lives with: Mother Father

Person with financial responsibility for tuition & fees: Mother Father Both Other _____

Do you have a Guardian in the UK? If so, please enter their details below:

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| Name: | Phone: | Mobile: |
| Address: | City: | |
| County/State: | Postcode/Zip: | Country: |
| Email: | | |
| Relationship to applicant: | | |

Guardian to receive copies of school reports & correspondence? Yes No

Please tell us more about yourself. You might want to talk about your interests, aspirations, family, friends or other relationships that you have, or anything that you feel is important. Continue on extra sheets if required. There are no right and wrong answers the information you give simply helps us get to know you.

Please tell us why you would like to come to Brockwood Park School to live and study. Please include possible dates for attending a prospective week (Sunday-Saturday) and when you would like to start at Brockwood.

Dates for Prospective Week:

If your first language is not English please indicate your level of language skill

| | Nil | Basic | Intermediate | Advanced |
|---------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Spoken | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Written | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Academic History

Please provide information on your education to date, continue on extra sheets if required.

| School / Home-school (Name and Full Address) | Dates attended |
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Is your current school:

- Independent Pre-Prep or Prep School
- Independent Senior School or Sixth Form School/College
- State Primary
- State Senior or Sixth Form/College
- Nursery or not previously in education
- Overseas

Full Disclosure

If the applicant has been dismissed, suspended or has experienced disciplinary, social, emotional or academic difficulties in school or at home, details must be submitted in writing with this application.

Do you have any Complex Medical Needs:

Yes No (If your answer is Yes, the Admissions Office will be in contact for further information)

Do you have any Special Educational Needs:

Yes No (If your answer is Yes, the Admissions Office will be in contact for further information)

How did you hear about Brockwood Park School?

Do you know anyone at Brockwood Park School?

Will you require a Tier 4 Student Visa to study in the UK? Yes No

Parents Questionnaire

Describe your interest in the type of education that Brockwood Park School provides, including how your family life and educational goals are compatible with Brockwood's philosophy:

Data Protection

Information on this form is used in accordance with our Data Protection Policy (available on our website) and the Admissions Office may communicate with you by telephone, post or email. It is extremely important that you inform the Admissions Office of any change of contact details or family circumstances as Brockwood Park School cannot accept responsibility for correspondence that goes astray.

The Admissions Office will treat communications to/from either parent/guardian named on this form as given to/received from both persons. Please note if a Conditional Place is offered all persons with parental responsibility will need to sign the acceptance form and any application for financial assistance.

Please confirm that the following is enclosed with your application:

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| Copies of recent School Reports | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Signed School Agreements | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Copy of your passport | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Application processing fee of £20 – payable by bank transfer (see below for details), cash or UK cheque | <input type="checkbox"/> |

I certify that the information I have given on this form is correct to the best of my knowledge and understand that any place offered may be withdrawn if I give false information, even if my child has started in the school.

Signature of Parent or Guardian:

Date:

I confirm that the information given here is true to the best of my knowledge and that I have read, understood and will comply with the School Agreements:

Student's Signature:

To pay by bank transfer:

Please note that if you use this method from outside of the UK please add £10 to cover bank charges and ask your bank to include your child's name as a reference on all transactions.

National Westminster Bank

Winchester Old Bank (A), 105 High Street, Winchester SO23 9AW

Account Name: Krishnamurti Foundation Trust Limited

Bank Sort Code: 51-61-09

Bank Account No: 04128966

IBAN No: GB67 NWBK 51610904128966 SWIFT No/BIC: NWBKGB2L



The Brockwood Park School Agreements

Dear Student,

You are interested in joining Brockwood, so it is important you understand what the School was created for and that your decision to join is based on your own true interest to live a life that is strongly focussed on seeing and understanding yourself and others and the world you live in. The Agreements grew out of seeing that there are some basic ways of living together at the School that can help create an environment that supports this seeing and understanding.

Here we are a community of more than one hundred people from many countries of the world who are living together differently. We are interested in understanding ourselves and each other so that we can live intelligently, without conflict and with affection. This is what the world needs, faced as it is with many problems.

To live together well we must all be interested in observing, understanding, and changing. It is easy to be absorbed with our personal concerns, demands and desires, but can we also understand and go beyond them? To do this we must be prepared to learn about and question our (and others) behaviour, beliefs, likes and dislikes, be willing to hear what others may point out to us about ourselves, and be willing to ask others to face what we think we see in them.

So as to support this learning, we have over the years arrived at a number of agreements which we ask you to uphold during your time here if you wish to join us at Brockwood. Please read them and think about them carefully. Our reasons for these are shown in the following pages of this letter. If you do not understand either the agreements or the reasons given, do ask questions about them. The agreements do not cover every aspect of life at Brockwood, but they provide a framework for an intelligent way of living in the light of the School's intentions.

Whilst living at Brockwood, you are expected to:

1. begin the day at the agreed time
2. assist in caring for the School and for each other
3. care for your health, cleanliness and appearance
4. adopt a vegetarian diet during the whole of each term
5. negotiate a programme of studies that you apply yourself to
6. respect 'wing times' and remain in your bedroom at the end of the school day
7. refrain from exclusive relationships and sexually inappropriate behaviour
8. not smoke cigarettes, drink alcohol, or use recreational drugs
9. limit the use of electronic media to agreed places and times

Reasons for our Agreements

1. Begin the day at the agreed time

In order to ensure the smooth running of the School we begin the day at an agreed time, generally also the start of breakfast. You need to be up and out of your room by then, but you are encouraged to attend the Morning Meeting which occurs ten minutes before breakfast. This is a time when staff and students can gather quietly, occasionally someone might play a piece of music, or read a poem or extract, but generally the time is spent together in complete silence and stillness. The Morning Meeting allows each one of us to learn about our own inner world, and better understand the movement of our thoughts and feelings.

2. Assist in caring for the School and for each other

Within a family caring occurs naturally, but sometimes in larger communities its importance is forgotten. Brockwood is our home and we are all involved in caring for it and for each other. This ranges from practical matters such as cleaning the house, washing dishes and assisting with duty, through to helping a fellow student with homework, or taking meals to them when they are ill. Care is generally a natural expression of awareness, affection and sensitivity, and Brockwood encourages us to see beyond our self-centred concerns and behaviour and to nurture this care.

3. Care for your health, cleanliness and appearance

We want you to be as healthy as possible at Brockwood and therefore we want you to eat well, get sufficient sleep and take regular exercise. You will be responsible for laundering your own clothes and keeping yourself and your room clean. We encourage you to reflect on your appearance and the choices you make regarding clothing and jewellery, recognising that Brockwood is simultaneously your 'home' and a place of work and an international school in which many cultural norms have to mix harmoniously. Our dress code is 'tidy casual' and we ask that hair is only dyed a natural colour and that any body-piercing is discreet and restricted to ears and side of nose.

4. Adopt a vegetarian diet during the whole of each term

The School adopts a vegetarian diet out of a general respect for living things and in keeping with the wishes of the founder. Although this may require you to make adjustments to your previous eating habits, the School provides a wide range of nutritional opportunities, and considers our vegetarian ethos to be an essential part of our approach to education and inquiry.

5. Negotiate a programme of studies that you apply yourself to

At Brockwood we want you to discover what you love to do and to challenge yourself in the process; therefore, at the beginning of each school year, having learnt about all of the courses on offer, you will have the opportunity to negotiate your programme of studies with the guidance and assistance of a member of staff. Once the timetable for the whole school is completed and classes begin, we expect you to commit to punctual attendance of the classes and to completing the classwork and homework required in order to get the best out of your educational experience here. Classes can only be changed via a process of consultation.

- 6. Respect ‘wing times’ and remain in your bedroom at the end of the day**
‘Wing times’ are the times when boys are no longer permitted to visit girls’ rooms and vice-versa. Furthermore, at the time given as the ‘end of the day’ all students are expected to return to their own rooms and remain there until the morning. The school day is very busy with many social interactions, so it is important for students to have some quiet time at the end of the day, to get adequate sleep, and to establish a rhythm for the working week. The School also has a ‘duty of care’ which requires that we know you are safe and secure after nightfall.

- 7. Refrain from exclusive relationships and sexually inappropriate behaviour**
At Brockwood we discourage exclusive relationships that cause you to be unavailable socially to the rest of the community. Learning about sexuality is an important part of your life and education, but modern society often gives a lot of emphasis to sex and conveys many messages and images (possibly unhealthy and certainly exaggerated) about what sexuality is. As a teenager, we would like you to meet this pressure and conditioning intelligently, with an questioning mind and heart, considering the issues carefully, paying attention to your own body, your emotional and mental responses; otherwise, you are likely to copy a kind of sexuality you learned from media or your peers; imitating others before you’ve understood for yourself. We feel that full sexual intimacy at too early an age is not conducive to the well-being of a young person, and that in the context of a boarding school it can have a detrimental impact on one’s studies and one’s relationships with fellow students and staff.

- 8. Not smoke cigarettes, drink alcohol, or use recreational drugs**
Alcohol, tobacco, nicotine, nicotine, any type of recreational drugs (including legal or illegal synthetic drugs) to the school and/or partakes of them at the school it is a serious matter. These things are bad for one’s health at any age, but particularly so for a young body that is still developing. At Brockwood we wish to encourage good health and clear thinking and we consider that the use of these substances does not support these aims They affect one’s state of mind and the nervous system in a way that is habit forming or even addictive and that promotes insensitivity, confused thinking and is a lazy and unhealthy way of dealing with stress or boredom, the desire for new experiences or risk-taking, or as a way to create social bonding in a peer group. Bringing them into the school creates an atmosphere of secrecy and distrust. It also undermines the school’s intentions to provide an environment where students can learn to have fun and enjoy themselves in a different way.

- 9. Limit the use of electronic media to certain places and times**
In terms of what Brockwood is trying to do with regards to an all-round education, we feel passive entertainment and 24/7 ability to communicate with others outside the school (via electronic media: laptops, ipods, mobile phones) has become one of the biggest obstacles to students developing good relationships, study habits and attentiveness. In order to support full engagement in school life, and to encourage students to make good use of their time and energy and creativity, students are not allowed to bring any personal screen devices to the school. Devices for listening to music or mobile phones without internet connectivity are allowed though not in public places. The school provides plenty of computers (available from 9am-9:45pm) in public spaces, telephones, and computers dedicated for skype calls so that study and communication needs are met.

Sanctions at Brockwood

We hope that you will uphold these agreements because you understand the need for them. Please consider them carefully before you come to Brockwood because if you break them there are consequences, which may include one, or more, of the following:

1. A conversation with your tutor; a change in courses taken; a change in bedroom; restricted access to certain rooms (such as the Computer Room) or to certain areas (such as the Wings); a requirement to contribute more to school life through a project or activity; seeing a counsellor
2. Suspension from the School for a period of time during which you are encouraged to reflect on what has happened, to discuss this with your parents/guardian, and to write to the School
3. Expulsion, or exclusion from the School. Bringing drugs into the school will result in an automatic expulsion.

Note:

Suspension or expulsion are likely if:

- You bring in, or use, alcohol and illegal drugs at Brockwood
- You are unable to live by the School Agreements and do not respond to the steps mentioned in 1 above
- Your behaviour is such that staff feel they can no longer trust you in the School, or take responsibility for your being here. This usually occurs after a serious incident, if you are believed to be a risk to others, or yourself, or because of a serious breach of English law.

The purpose of preparing this letter is to help you know what will be expected of you whilst living at Brockwood. Please consider it carefully as a whole, and ask us to clarify any doubts you may have so that we can begin the year with a strong sense of working together.

Antonio Autor

Principal

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THE SCHOOL AGREEMENTS

I have read, understood and will comply with the agreements.

Date :

Name of Parent or Guardian :

Signature of Parent or Guardian :

Name of Student :

Signature of Student :

*If parents or students wish to add any comments concerning the Agreements, please do so on a separate sheet of paper. **Before** travelling to Brockwood, return this signed slip to: The Recruitment Officer, Brockwood Park School, Bramdean, Hants, SO24 0LQ, UK*