



2nd October 2020

Dear Parent, Carers and Students

Year 10 Transition Evening

Usually, at this time of year, we would be inviting you to attend a Transition and Information Evening on the school site as we lay out what the year ahead is going to look like. Unfortunately, due to the current restrictions and guidance, we are unable to have these meetings face to face on the school site. However, we have recorded the session, and you can access this recording by following this link: <https://youtu.be/6NdVhjEUzdw>

In this session, we provide the following information:

- Information on Key resources to support your child's learning
- Character and culture
- Assessment details
- Work expected at home

It is hoped that it will enable the school, parents and students to pull together to achieve the highest possible results for each individual and prepare them for the next step along their learning pathway. If you have any questions, after the presentation, please contact one of the people highlighted in the video.

The Seven Year Journey

We would like to welcome back the students of Year 10 to Roding Valley High School. It is a time of great importance as students build the foundations for Year 10. The reformed qualification has introduced a level of rigour that requires students to be fully committed to their studies for two years. Their success in their GCSE exams will depend on having developed a solid foundation in Year 10.

The Team who will be responsible for Year 10 students are as follows:

Deputy Headteacher for Culture and Ethos	Miss S Dyer
Assistant Headteacher for Pastoral	Mr T Price
Progress Leader for Year 10	Mr B Warry
Academic Tutors	
Argon	Mr P Baidoo
Beryllium	Miss Z Errington



Carbon	Mr M Cocker
Flourine	Mrs S Patel
Hydrogen	Mr J Patel
Lithium	Mr J Liddle
Magnesium	Mr P Melvin
Neon	Mrs L Walker and Mrs A Abbott
Oxygen	Mr A Goodall
Zinc	Mrs D Harris

The progress of every student is monitored by the following members of the Senior Leadership Team. They will oversee all planned interventions for students:

- **Deputy Headteacher for Progress:** Mr R Mammen
- **Assistant Headteacher for Progress:** Mr M Vermaak

As you will appreciate, our pastoral staff also have teaching commitments which means they may not always be available to take your call. If you have a query, please contact the school office on 0208 508 1173, and they will ensure that your message gets relayed to the correct member of staff.

If the matter is directly related to a specific subject, I would recommend that the subject teacher or head of department is contacted in the first instance.

Homework and Homework Diaries

During Key Stage 4, due to the structure of varied deadlines, greater independence and flexibility is required with exam study, students will not be required to follow a prescriptive timetable. However, we expect students to adhere to the following guidelines per week:

2 hours per night, split as follows on average over a week:

- 2 hours for English and Maths
- 90 minutes for Science
- 75 minutes per GCSE option

Whilst we appreciate this is a significant amount of time, students must devote this time to preparing fully for the new, reformed GCSEs

Homework will be set on Google Classroom, and we encourage students/parents to download the app in order to see all the work that pupils are set and the deadlines for each piece.

School Uniform and Appearance

We would like to remind you that the Roding Valley High School uniform and rules over appearance continue throughout your child's education period with us. I would be most grateful if students and parents continue to support the school in maintaining the high standards achieved and expected. Our main task this year is to prepare students to achieve good GCSE results, and we do not want to be distracted by issues concerning uniform and appearance. A copy of the current school uniform and appearance rules can be found on the school's website.


Attendance and Punctuality

One of the reasons for our success at Roding Valley High School at GCSE level is the very high rate of attendance achieved by our students. Missing work from lessons is challenging to make up and understand. Clearly, illness and other events occur that keep students from school, and this is unavoidable, but these must be kept to a minimum. If the student is absent would parents, please telephone the school each day before **09:15am** and send a letter indicating the reason for your son or daughter's absence on his or her return to school. Non-attendance by students will be followed up by staff at the earliest opportunity.

Students should be in school by **08:55am**. Any student who arrives after registration has closed must report to the Front Office to sign in. Persistent lateness to registration or lesson will result in a detention. These detentions will take place at break time, lunchtime or after school.

I hope this letter proves useful for you. I would also like to draw your attention to our school website which has a number of enhanced features and aspects to help improve communication links. We value the partnership between students, parents and teachers and it is this partnership that will help support your child this year. Please note the resources to help your child: <https://rodingvalley.net/high-school/how-to-help-your-child/>

Yours faithfully



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Senior Deputy Headteacher



Mr Warry
Year Progress Leader