



11th June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to update you on our plans for the Year 9's as they start their options subjects on Monday 14th June. This is an exciting time for them and will give the students a head start on their chosen GCSE subjects. All students have received their option choice letters before half term that included the subjects that they have been allocated. The students have also received a copy of their new timetable, so please check that this is correct and contact the school with any queries.

Due to the current COVID restrictions, Year 9 have been static in their tutor base for the majority of their lessons and have been taught in their form 'bubble'. We appreciate that this has been difficult for students and trust that they will now embrace the new opportunity to engage as GCSE students. It needs to be recognised that from Monday, they will be following a Year 10 curriculum timetable which will allow limited movement as they move to specialist rooms for their GCSE option subjects. This does mean that their 'bubble' will expand to include students in their option classes. They will still arrive at the same time but will take their breaks at different times. This has all been explained to them in today's assembly. However, please do note the change in finish time to 3pm.

On the days when the students have Core PE, they should attend school in their RVHS PE kit along with their blazer over the top. The students who are taking Sport as an Option will be directed by their class teacher as to the lessons that are "practical" and hence when they need to attend school in their PE kit.

Each students timetable includes:

- 4 hours a week of English
- 4 hours a week of Maths
- 4 hours a week of Science
- 12 hours a week for their option subjects
- 1 hour a week of Core PE

As the students transition into a Key Stage 4 curriculum, the timings for the school day will be as follows

Arrive	8.30am
Registration and Period 1	8.40am - 9.00am
Period 2	9.00am - 10.00am
Period 3	10.00am - 11.00am
Break	11.00am - 11.30am

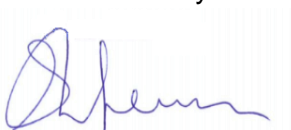


Period 4	11.30am -12.30pm
Period 5	12.30pm -1.30pm
Lunch	1.30pm - 2.00pm
Period 6	2.00pm - 3.00pm

If you have any questions about the new arrangements, please speak to Mr. Dobson (Year Progress Leader) or Mr. Mammen (Senior Deputy Headteacher).

Please can I ask that you continue to support the COVID testing and ensure that your child takes a lateral flow test every Sunday and Wednesday. Please immediately report any positive cases to the school and follow up with a PCR test.

Yours sincerely



Mrs. Jenner  
Headteacher