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Roding Valley
HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

A warm welcome back to you and your families, I hope that you all had a good summer. It's been lovely to see students back in school ready for year 11 and they have returned ready and raring to continue on with their studies. I am delighted and proud to be their Year Progress Leader and very much looking forward to the year ahead with such a great cohort of students.

Academic Mentor Team

I would like to start by introducing the Academic Mentor Team for year 11. The team is made up of staff from core subjects (English, Maths and Science) and are holding sessions with Year 11 students on **Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3pm-3.20pm** in the first phase of our planned intervention support.

Argon	Ms Bleakley	cbleakley@rodingvalley.net
Beryllium	Ms Di-Ilio	tdiilio@rodingvalley.net
Carbon	Ms Bates	cbates@rodingvalley.net
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Oxygen	Mr Poovilingham	npooviligham@rodingvalley.net

Attendance and Punctuality

Year Group	Gate entrance	Arrival time
11	Brook Road Gates	8.55 am

Gates will not not open until 5 minutes before their expected arrival time and students should not arrive too early and congregate, to respect our local community. The school gates will be opened at 8.25am each morning. Please help your son/daughter plan their journey and the timing of their journey to school to arrive on time but not be out in the local community too early, for their own safety. Due to enhanced safeguarding measures, gates are not opened until 8.25am, so as the year progresses, students who require access to the school prior to this time, to attend an intervention or club must come through the main reception which is manned. There is a staff presence on the playground from 8.25 am. **Please do note that Year 11s are not expected to arrive until 8.55am unless invited for interventions, meetings or to attend a school club.**

Students who are late to school will be expected to attend a 'same day', no notice detention.

Timetable for the school day

	Arrival Time	Period 1 Personal Development	Period 2	Period 3	Break	Zone	Designated Toilets	Period 4	Period 5	Lunch	Zone	Designated Toilets	Period 6	Period 7 Personal Development / Intervention
Year 7	8:35am Line Up & collected	8:40am - 9:00am	9am - 10am	10am - 11am	11am - 11:25am	All Zones	New Block	11.25am-12.25pm	12:25pm - 1:10pm	1:10pm - 2pm	Zone 2 to get food and then Zone 3	Sports hall	2pm - 3pm	
Year 8	8:35am Line Up & collected	8:40am - 9:00am	9am - 10am	10am - 11am	11am - 11:25am	All Zones	New Block	11.25am-12.25pm	12:25pm - 1:15pm	1:15pm - 2pm	Zone 2 to get food and then Zone 3	Sports hall	2pm - 3pm	
Year 9	8:35am Line Up & collected	8:40am - 9:00am	9am - 10am	10am - 11am	11am - 11:25am	All Zones	New Block	11.25am-12.25pm	12:25pm - 1:25pm	1:25pm - 2pm	Zone 2	New Block	2pm - 3pm	
Year 10	8:35am Line Up & collected	8:40am - 9:00am	9am - 10am	10am - 11am	11am - 11:25am	All Zones	Baguette Bar	11.25am-12.25pm	12:25pm - 1:25pm	1:25pm - 2pm	Zone 1	Baguette Bar	2pm - 3pm	3pm - 3:20pm
Year 11	8.55 Straight to Period 2		9am - 10am	10am - 11am	11am - 11:25am	All Zones	Hall toilets	11.25am-12.25pm	12:25pm - 1:25pm	1:25pm - 2pm	Zone 1	Hall toilets	2pm - 3pm	3pm - 3:20pm
Year 12	8.35am Straight to Form Room/ Assembly	8:40am - 9:00am	9am - 10am	10am - 11am	11am - 11:25am	All Zones	Brook Building	11.25am-12.25pm	12:25pm - 1:25pm	1:25pm - 2pm	All zones	Brook building	2pm - 3pm	
Year 13	8.35am Straight to Form Room/ Assembly	8:40am - 9:00am	9am - 10am	10am - 11am	11am - 11:25am	All Zones	Brook Building	11.25am-12.25pm	12:25pm - 1:25pm	1:25pm - 2pm	All zones	Brook building	2pm - 3pm	

Attendance

All students are expected to attend full time and aim for 100% attendance.

You can expect to hear from us if your child's attendance falls below 96%. It is important to understand that if your child achieves 96% attendance at the end of an academic year, they will still have missed 8 full days of education. If your child's attendance falls below 90% attendance they will have **missed a whole 19** days of education. We are obligated to take legal action against families who have poor attendance. As you will appreciate, student attendance and punctuality is crucial.

Important Dates

Thursday 16th September 2021	Year 11 Information Evening
Thursday 14th October 2021	Year 11 Parents Evening
w/c Monday 1st November 2021	Pre Public Examinations 1
Thursday 18th November 2021	Sixth Form Open Evening
Thursday 16th December 2021	Year 11 Concerns evening
w/c Monday 21st February 2022	Pre Public Examinations 2
May 2022	GCSE exam season begins

(these will be available for you to view by the end of next week)

Summer 2022 Public Examinations

Ofqual are currently consulting on the arrangements for the summer 2022 exam series. We have some guidance around the reduction in requirements for practical subjects such as Art, Music, PE and Drama. However, the decision around subjects such as English Literature, Geography, History at GCSE won't be confirmed until the start of the autumn term. Maths, Physics and Combined Science will have support materials provided which has been suggested will be in the form of a formula sheet - this will also be confirmed in September 2021.

Breaks and Lunch Time

We have reverted to a 20 minute break at 11am and a lunch break of 40 minutes. Students are able to purchase food at both times from any of the outlets.

- Canteen
- Pasta Bar
- Baguette Bar

Uniform

- Blazer
- Tie
- Tights or ankle socks only
- No nail varnish or long nails
- No unnatural hair colours
- No shaved tram-lines
- No coats in lessons

The full uniform expectations can be seen on the website here in the [Student Behaviour and Expectations Policy](#) - I just wanted to draw your attention to some common mistakes students make.

[\(Forest Casuals Link\)](#)

PE Kit

During the autumn term, Year 11 will continue to have an additional English lesson during their Core PE time. This will ensure that they have enough time to prepare the students for two GCSE courses they are teaching them and to close any gaps that have come to light towards the end of Year 10. We would strongly encourage students to take advantage of the extensive extra-curricular programme available to them.

Students in Year 11 will need to **bring their PE kits with them and get changed for GCSE PE**

ARE Points

We are always eager to reward and celebrate students for their achievement, respectful behaviour and endeavour - there are a number of ways in which students can receive these points, some examples are as follows:

- Worked hard in one off lesson - **E1/A1**
- Worked hard on extended piece of homework - **E2/A2**
- Worked hard for a whole topic and improved end of topic test score - **E3/A3**
- Held the door open for you – **R1**
- Stayed behind to help clear up after the lesson without being prompted – **R2**
- Waited at the bus stop with an old lady who had fallen off the bus – **R3**

Wellbeing and Support

It is important to us that students understand how to recognise their own and the wellbeing of others and know what they can do to seek help, support and advice. We actively encourage students to:

- Take action (if they are concerned for themselves or someone else)
- Any concerns, please contact any member of our Safeguarding Team, Ms S Dyer (Lead) or her Deputies, Mrs J Low, Mr T Price and Mrs S King.
- Talk to us - students can talk to any member of staff that they feel comfortable with
- iamnotok@rodingvalley.net - this is our email address which offers support and help to both students and parents.

Our main message to students is to be the 'best version of themselves' as we are extremely proud of our Roding Community and it's our students who continue to represent us so well.

Please do contact me if you have any questions or anything that you would like to discuss (tpreston@rodingvalley.net) there is also regularly updated information, bulletins, calendars and other useful items on the [school website](#).

Yours faithfully



Ms T Preston
Year 11 Progress Leader



Ms S Dyer
Deputy Headteacher
Character & Culture



