



10th September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

It is always great to welcome the students back after what has hopefully been an enjoyable and restful summer break. I am so excited at being the Year Progress Leader for Year 10 and I am really looking forward to another enjoyable year with this fantastic group of young people. It seems like a few seconds ago that they were walking through the gates as little Year 7s but we are now beyond half way in their RVHS journey. It is also a great relief to be back to normal and to say goodbye to that odious 'the new norm'. We do hope this continues and are continuing to do all we can to keep everyone in our community safe and well and our school fully operational. I want all parents and carers to know I am very proud to be your child's Year Progress Leader.

This letter outlines the information that will help the students' Parents/Carers navigate what will be an amazing Year 10.

Meet the Team:

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Important Dates:

Assessments	22 nd November 2021
Reports	6 th December 2021
Assessments	28 th February 2022
Parents' Evening	21 st March 2022
Examinations	20 th June 2022 & 27 th June 2022

Please remind your son or daughter that we want to support them and there is always someone they can talk to in school if they have a problem. We also have our wellbeing support email - iamnotok@rodingvalley.net that they can use at any time. Our Roding Valley High School safeguarding team consists of Miss Dyer, Mr Price, Mrs Low and Mrs King and as always my office door is always open.

Start Times

The start of School is at **8:35am** but we expect students to be on the main playground by 8:30am. Students do not need to be out in the community earlier than this. The gate will be opened at 8.25am. 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, 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 8.25am.

Attendance:

- **All students are expected to attend full time - 100% attendance**
- We have an expectation of 96% attendance as a minimum.
- You can expect to hear from us if your attendance falls below this.
- It is important to understand that if you achieve **96%** attendance at the end of an academic year you will have missed **8** full days of education.
- If your attendance falls below **90%** attendance you will have missed a whole 19 days of education.
- We are obligated to potentially take legal action against families who have poor attendance.

PE Kit

Now students are in Year 10 they will need to bring their PE kits with them and get changed (for both Core PE and if it is one of their option subjects). They no longer wear their PE kit for the whole school day.

Break and Lunch Time

We will revert to one break time of 20 minutes in the morning and a lunch break of 40 minutes. At break and lunch time, students will be able to buy food from any of the serveries:

- Canteen - including the seated area
- 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.

ARE Points:

We encourage students to work hard to achieve Aspiration, Respect and Endeavour (ARE) points. Here are a few previous examples from our students:

- 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

Please look out for an email from RVHS next week with a recorded Virtual Transition Presentation attached. This will be presented by key staff and will add significant detail to our Teaching and Learning strategies and some of the key pieces of information I have mentioned above.

If you have any questions then please contact me or your child's Academic Mentor for further information. The school's website is also a vital information tool which you can find at <https://rodingvalley.net/>

I look forward to seeing and working with you all during Year 10.

Yours faithfully



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Year 10 Progress Leader



Ms S Dyer
Deputy Headteacher
Character & Culture

