



10th September, 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to Roding Valley High School. I look forward to having the opportunity to speak to you all personally at some point throughout the year. It was such a pleasure to hear how the children who attended our Summer School enjoyed it so much and it has meant that there are already some familiar faces in the year group. It has been an amazing start to the Academic year and the seven year journey that your son and daughter is embarking upon. I can't tell you how proud I have been looking at the year group as they line up each morning, fresh and ready to learn. They are a credit to you all.

As the transition between primary and secondary education is quite challenging, I would like to take the time to acknowledge that the students have coped with this step really well. I am aware that finding the way around such a large school can be quite a daunting experience but there is always a member of staff available or one of our amazing YES students will help.

I am very pleased to say that I have an incredible team of Academic Mentors. Their role is to assist me in ensuring that the year group are safe and well and are performing at the correct level. I have asked the team to monitor equipment and uniform and standards have been set incredibly high already. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the team to you, as they are the first port of call in communication between us and you.

Ms Abbott	7 Flourine	aabbott@rodingvalley.net
Ms Richards	7 Beryllium	mrichards@rodingvalley.net
Mr Melvin	7 Carbon	pmelvin@rodingvalley.net
Mr Baidoo	7 Hydrogen	pbaidoo@rodingvalley.net
Mr Oheming	7 Lithium	kohemeng@rodingvalley.net
Ms El- Attoui	7 Argon	selattaoui@rodingvalley.net
Mr. Member	7 Magnesium	mmember@rodingvalley.net
Ms Frank	7 Neon	pfrank@rodingvalley.net
Mr Allen	7 Oxygen	jallen@rodingvalley.net

Should there be an issue with uniform or equipment or a medical issue then these members of staff really are essential. Please let them know what the issue is either as an email or as a note and they will pass the information to the relevant members of staff.

Our times of the day are fairly clear and can be found here;

08:35 – 08:40	Gates open and students to line up
08:40 – 09:00	Period One
09:00 – 10:00	Period Two
10:00 – 11:00	Period Three
11:00 – 11:25	Break

11:25 – 12:25	Period Four
12:25 – 13:10	Period Five
13:10 – 14:00	Year 7 get to go to early lunch
14:00 – 15:00	Period Six

The morning 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, meeting or club must come through the main reception which is manned. There is a staff presence on the playground from 8.25am

As we are in the Autumn term and the evenings are beginning to get darker I would ask that all of your children have a suitable coat. Also, at the end of the day children are to go straight home if they are not attending any after school clubs. On the subject of after school clubs we will be having a year 7 fair where students will be given the opportunity to join teams and participate in the wider school environment. We will share details of this with your son/daughter soon.

Excellent attendance and punctuality are vital for the success of the year group. Our period one lessons are when we deliver our Personal Development curriculum as well as our Careers and Bedrock Literacy programme. If your child is late to school due to any unforeseen reason please contact our attendance team/main office and make us aware of any issues. Should your child need to attend an appointment or are incredibly unwell, then please contact our attendance team or let your child's Academic Mentor know. I would like to request that all appointments, where possible, are made out of school or term time.

Key Dates for you to be aware of:

Parents' Concerns Evening (invite only) Week beginning Monday 11th October 2021

Exam Week beginning Monday 24th January 2022

Parents' Evening Week beginning Monday 7th March 2022


Assessment Week beginning Monday 6th June 2022

These dates and others will be available to you by the end of next week. There will obviously be other events that you will need to be aware of and these will be shared with you throughout the year via email and Edulink.

I am aware that the last two years have been incredibly disruptive to our young people and that some may not be coping with the transition as well as others. Therefore, I would like to signpost you to our school email iamnotok@rodingvalley.net Please encourage your son/daughter to use this email address if they have any worries or concerns - we will always do our best to help them. I would also ask that students speak to either their Academic Mentor or any member of staff that they feel comfortable speaking to. Our safeguarding team is led by Miss Dyer (Deputy Headteacher), who is supported by Mrs Low, Mr Price and Mrs King.

I am sure that some of you may have further questions or queries so please don't hesitate to contact your child's Academic Mentor and I am sure they will be more than happy to assist you in any way they can. This is an exciting moment in your child's life as they embark on their Secondary School life and I look forward to seeing them all succeed in their endeavours.

Yours faithfully



Mr F Ryan
Year 7 Progress Leader



Miss S Dyer
Deputy Headteacher

