



10th September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I am so delighted to welcome back our students into year 8 after what I hope was a restful and enjoyable summer. I have already heard so many exciting things that our students have taken part in during summer- it is great to see so many students ready for the new academic year and ready to continue with the great start they have all made in year 7.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you about some key points to ensure a smooth transition into year 8 and a successful year ahead.

All students have been regrouped into new academic mentor groups who will have a new academic mentor. I would like to introduce my Year 8 Academic Mentor team.

Argon	Miss Kalair	skalair@rodingvalley.net
Beryllium	Mr Savage	jsavage@rodingvalley.net
Carbon	Mr Patel	bpatel@rodingvalley.net
Flourine	Mr Wilson	rwilson@rodingvalley.net
Hydrogen	Mrs Wrate and Ms Vali	swrate@rodingvalley.net and ivali@rodingvalley.net
Lithium	Miss Harbutt	eharbutt@rodingvalley.net
Magnesium	Miss Smith	esmith@rodingvalley.net
Neon	Mr Bedi	vbedi@rodingvalley.net
Oxygen	Miss McInerney	rmcinerney@rodingvalley.net

Year Group	Gate entrance	Arrival time
7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13	Brook Road Gates	8.30 am

September 2021 Timetable

	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	

Students must arrive by 8.35am. 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

At the end of the school day students will be dismissed from the Brook Road gate at 3pm. If a student arrives late to school in the morning after the Brook Road gate has been closed, they will be kept in the school hall for 20 minutes to complete a late detention on the same day.

I want all students to strive for the 100% attendance award at the end of each term. 96% is our minimum expectation, but that would mean a whole 8 days of school had been missed in an academic year - that's the equivalent of 40 lost learning hours.

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.

Dates to Remember	
Assessment Consolidation	4th October 2021
Year 8 Parents Evening	4th November 2021
Exam Week	24th January 2022
Assessment Consolidation	6th June 2022

At the end of next week our Year 8 transition presentation will be available to view.

PE Kit

Following the positive feedback from students in the lower years coming into school wearing their PE kit, we are going to continue with this for students in Years 7, 8 and 9. If a student is taking part in extracurricular activities after school they are expected to attend school in their school uniform and get changed into their PE kit at the start of the activity school.

During Year 8, there are many new and exciting opportunities on offer for our students and I encourage as many of our students as possible to get involved in as many opportunities as possible.

Below is the PE extra curricular timetable -

Roding Valley High School PE Department Sports Clubs September 2021					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch 1.20pm – 2pm		Sportability Invite Only Staff: CAS Venue: Gym	Basketball Years 7, 8 & 9 Staff: LJO Venue: Sports Hall		Handball Year 7 & 8 Staff: CAL Venue: Sports Hall
After School 3.10pm – 4.10pm (unless stated)	Netball All Years Staff: CAS & JFA Venue: Playground Football Year 9 Staff: CWI/TPI Venue: Astro Football Year 11 Staff: BOL Venue: Astro Time: 3.20pm – 4.20pm	Football Year 7 Staff: CAL Venue: Astro		Girls Football All Years Staff: CAS & JFA Venue: Astro Football Year 10 Staff: LJO Venue: Astro	Football Year 8 Staff: CAL Venue: Sports Hall

The full extra curricular provision will be communicated with you over the coming days, however students can also ask their teachers about what is on offer in their departments. Some of the exciting trips our students are eligible for are;

- 2022 Netball/Football tour of South Africa
- 2023 Ski Trip to USA

Please do contact me should you have any queries relating to any of these trips or other opportunities.

Year 8 will have the opportunity later in the year when they have found their feet, to be a 'Duty Student' this year which will see them help out in reprographics, run important errands around the school and deliver important messages to staff and students. In previous years, students have thoroughly enjoyed this day and allowed them to contribute positively to the efficient running of the school.

I look forward to working in partnership with you this year to best support our year 8 students and watch them grow into respectful young adults. Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have any queries at all.

Yours faithfully



Miss J Fazakerley
Year 8 Progress Leader



Miss S Dyerr
Deputy Headteacher

