

4th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Below is the rota for on-site and home learning over the remaining two weeks of this half-term.

Phase 1 of the new temporary building has now been completed, and will open to student's w/c 9th October. This added capacity of 9 classrooms and a toilet block means that we are able to accommodate 6 out of 7 year groups on-site starting next week. Therefore, for the next two weeks, one year group per week will be home learning.

Phases 2 and 3 are on course to be completed by Wednesday 18th October and will be fully operational and open to students when we return after half-term on Monday 30th October.

Date	On-site learning	Home learning*
w/c 9 th October	Year 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13	Year 8
w/c 16 th October	Year 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13	Year 7

**We have attached to this letter home learning guidance for parents and carers*

I want to reiterate my gratitude for your patience during this time. We share your disappointment and frustration at the disruption you and your children have suffered this academic year.

Over the coming weeks we will put together a robust plan to ensure that any learning that has been negatively affected by the hybrid model is addressed. This could involve additional study support sessions, interventions, drop-down days and individual plans for students who have been disproportionately affected.

Once again, if your child does not have access to a suitable device or is unable to login, please contact their Year Progress Leader- details below:

Year 7 - Ms C Hegerty | Year Progress Leader: chegerty@rodingvalley.net

Year 8 - Miss H Reed | Year Progress Leader: hreed@rodingvalley.net

Unfortunately, we still do not have access to the majority of our kitchen and catering facilities therefore our guidance around lunch will remain the same. We will only be able to cater for students in receipt of free school meals. A very limited range of snacks and drinks will be available to purchase at break time but we advise all students to continue to bring a packed lunch with them each day. Students will have access to water refill stations as usual.

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Once phases 2 and 3 are completed, we will be liaising further with the Department for Education regarding the next steps for the building which has been affected, including a more detailed plan for our kitchen and catering facilities. In the interim we will be installing additional serving points across the school site, increased seating for students and the reintroduction of more items from the menu, including some hot food and snacks as we enter the winter months. I will write to you again when we have a clear timescale for this.

Thank you once again for your feedback, support and understanding.

Yours faithfully

Mr D Charlton
Headteacher

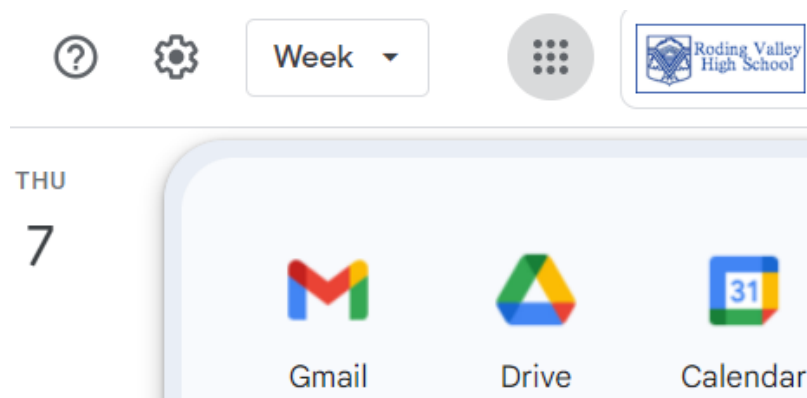


Online Lessons Guidance Sheet for Parents

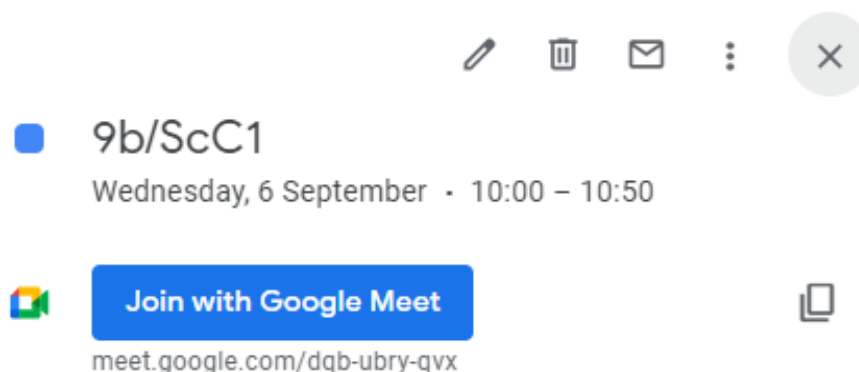
We are pleased to welcome your child to a new academic year. Although having some of our students at home is far from ideal, we have responded as quickly as possible to the Department for Education's directive to minimise any disruption to their education. Our teachers have a wealth of resources and expertise available to them to enable high quality teaching and learning, whether online or in-person, so we are approaching this as an unexpected opportunity to help develop student's digital skills and for them to become better independent learners, benefiting them well into their adult lives.

Key information to get the most out of Online Lessons:

- 1) **Online Lessons will be found on Google Calendar as per your child's timetable.** After signing into the school email, clicking on the menu button (9 dots) allows switching to Google Calendar.



Within the calendared lesson event, clicking on the “**Join with Google Meet**” button will open up a video session.





- 2) **Students should wait in the 'lobby' for a maximum of 10 mins** until the teacher joins - please be aware that teachers will often need to move to another location of the school site before starting an Online Lesson.
- 3) **Lessons will be a maximum of 50 mins long** to provide students with a short break from continuous screen usage.
- 4) **Computers/laptops are preferred over mobile phones**, to enable the best access to full-screen content.
- 5) **Expectations of work to be done will be shared by the teacher** e.g. in subject exercise books or online submissions etc.
- 6) **Attendance is vital** to ensure students gain key knowledge and skills in line with the curriculum. Teachers will be taking registers during the lesson and students are expected to engage for the full lesson duration.
- 7) **Behaviour must be exemplary** to support everyone's learning. Please watch this video which explains our [Live lesson etiquette](#).
- 8) **Home Learning (homework) assignments will be set as normal** for students to complete in their own time. Parents are able to see all assignments due on Edulink.

Here is a guide for helping your child stay safe online - <https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/>

If there are any issues regarding access to a laptop/chromebook or internet, please contact amiah@rodingvalley.net at your earliest convenience.

