

20th June 2017

Dear Parent / Carer

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support with your child's education over the past year.

As we approach the end of the term and prepare to break up for the summer, I would like to ensure you have the information about the arrangements for the next few weeks so that you can plan accordingly. The new timetable will commence on Monday, 3rd July and, at that point, all students will move up to the next year group, as would normally happen in September. Therefore:

- **Monday, 3rd July** (due to the Year 6s starting their time at Rye Hills) all students, except for the new starters, should arrive at school for registration at 11:20 am. New starters should arrive at 08:25 am. Students will be in registration to receive their new timetables during Period 3 and will commence lessons after lunch, during periods 4 and 5. This will be a timetable Week 1.
- **Thursday, 20th July** - This will be the last day of term and will also be a non-uniform day. Students should arrive in school for 09:00 am. Students will be in normal lessons for periods 1 to 3 and the term will end at 12:20 pm. Lunch will not be served that day however, students entitled to free school meals should let the kitchen know by 9:00 am on Tuesday, 11th July if they would like a packed lunch prepared for them. A donation of £1 per student will be requested for the non-uniform day, proceeds from which will go to the Friends of Rye Hills School.
- **Monday, 4th September** – is the first day of the new term and is a **timetable Week 2**. As the timetable will have already started on 3rd July, this will be a normal school day and students should arrive at 08:20 for an 8:35 registration.

Other Points to Note:

- Please can I remind you all that there will no longer be an early finish so all school days will end at 3:15pm from Monday 3rd July.
- To help ensure students make progress I have put some extra classes in some subjects, in some year groups, where I have been able to. This will mean that some students will move groups more radically than usual set changes. This is to help students so should not be viewed negatively. As always, any questions should be directed to the subject leader of that subject in the first instance. Any further queries can be directed to the Assistant Vice Principal, Miss Jones.

- In maths and science for students moving from Year 10 into Year 11 there will be group changes to help ensure the students make the most progress possible.
- We have some new teachers to the school starting in September but where possible I have negotiated to have them in school teaching from Monday 3rd July. Where this is not possible then the teachers will start on 1st September. Therefore, there may be some existing teachers covering those classes during July.

There have been some changes to the Leadership Team:

- Mr Lane started with us just after Easter as Assistant Vice Principal for Behaviour and Aspirations;
- Miss Lumb was internally promoted to be Director of Teaching and Learning;
- Mrs Watson was internally promoted to be the academy's Director of SEND and Transition;
- Mr Stockwell has taken on additional responsibility for Modern Foreign Languages.
- Miss Williamson has been internally promoted to Subject Leader for Art.

We are currently reviewing the academy's behaviour policy and a draft will be available on the school website for your information. We hope that this will be ready to be launched from 3rd July.

I would like to take this opportunity to reinforce the expectations on school uniform before new items are purchased during the summer holidays. Please refer to the school website for the school uniform rules for students. If you would prefer a paper copy, please call into the school office. Similarly, all students should have an appropriate school bag for July 3rd and ensure that they are bringing their homework diaries to school so that school can communicate effectively with home.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy summer holiday and we look forward to welcoming the students back on 4th September.

With very best wishes,



Mrs Caroline Waugh
Head of School