

26th October 2018

Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s)

Firstly, thank you for your support this half term in ensuring that students attend school regularly, wear their uniform correctly, behave well, have good attitudes to learning and complete their homework. Your role in ensuring this happens is much appreciated.

A huge well done to the majority of Year 11 students who have worked hard and shown excellent commitment to their studies since returning in September.

In the main, Year 10 has settled into their KS4 timetable now and are working well in lessons and receiving praise from their teachers.

Year 7 has settled in very well and the majority are collecting many positive points and praise from their teachers on a daily basis. Very few have done anything negative which is brilliant. They are a pleasure to have in the academy – I hope they keep up the great behaviour, attitude to learning and friendliness that has been displayed over their first ten weeks at Rye Hills.

The courses studied by students now have changed over recent years meaning that there is much more content to be covered, skills to be learned and practised. Homework is therefore even more important to ensure this happens effectively. The Senior Leadership Team is speaking to students on a weekly basis where there are issues with homework not being done on time or to a high enough standard to reinforce this. The majority of students get this right but some do not. In KS4 letters have been sent where this is a serious concern and this will happen for KS3 after half term. It would be much appreciated if you could support by ensuring that you ask about homework and help students to ensure it is completed to a good standard and handed in on time. Students are welcome to use the library and teachers offer different support opportunities if students need help or a place to do their work at the academy rather than at home.

Can I take this opportunity to remind parents and carers that you should check your child's planner on a regular basis. The student planner records homework, behaviour and a host of other information that you should be aware of. Detentions are recorded in student planners so it is important you ask your children to show you them so you are aware of any detentions they may have – hopefully none! Similarly, you can access your child's information on the academy's data system, Progresso. If you don't already have access, please email progresso@ryehills.rac.sch.uk to register. This allows you to track all aspects of your child's education on a daily basis.

There is now a FAQs document on the school website which you may find helpful if you have any queries and our Twitter feed is regularly updated so you know what is going on in the academy and can keep up-to-date with events and news.

As the dark nights and cold weather approach, please could I remind anyone dropping-off or collecting students in their cars, to do so considerately and not to block the car parks or park in

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the disabled bays. Observing the one-way system ensures we keep everyone safe. There have also been complaints about cars being parked on Redcar Lane at the end of the academy day which also poses a safety risk to our students so please can I reinforce the police's message that this should not happen.

I hope that the students have an enjoyable half term and a rest. Thank you again for your continued support.

With kind regards

C. J. Waugh

Mrs C. Waugh
Head of School