



28th August 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you've had a wonderful summer and found time to relax and recharge. After a successful summer exam season, we're excited to welcome students back next week. As the new academic year approaches, I'd like to share a few polite reminders:

- **Monday 1st September** – Staff Inset: School will be open to **staff only**.
- **Tuesday 2nd September** – Year 7 & Year 12 Return: School reopens for Year 7 and Year 12 students only. Year 7 students should go directly to the Main Hall.
- **Wednesday 3rd September** – All Students Return: The school reopens to all remaining students, beginning with an extended tutor time. Normal school timings apply.

The school building opens to students from 8:20am each day unless arriving early by bus or attending breakfast club. Please refer to our website for [school day timings](#).

As we begin the new term, we ask all students to return in line with our [uniform policy](#). Two key updates:

- **Uniform:** Following a successful summer trial, students may now wear shorts year-round, provided they meet the guidelines in our policy.
- **Jewellery:** For safety and consistency, only **stud** earrings or nose studs may be worn. Students will be asked to remove hooped or dangly piercings.

We also ask for your support in ensuring students are properly equipped for learning each day. **Essentials include: pen, pencil, ruler, calculator, and a reading book.** Starting the year with the right uniform and equipment sets students up for success.

We've now transitioned from Edulink to **Class Charts** as our school information system. This platform provides up-to-date information including attendance, timetable, behaviour points, and from September, homework. If your child was with us last year, you should already have received a personalised access code. New families will receive theirs in the first few days of term. Please ensure you can access your account. For any queries, contact us at: admin@rednockschool.org.uk



How to get started with Class Charts

1. Open www.classcharts.com/parent/login
2. Enter your email address
3. Choose 'I don't have an account yet'.
4. Enter your parent access code and name.
5. Choose a password
6. Click log-in

Attendance Matters

Good attendance is a key factor in academic achievement and belonging. The first few days and weeks of term are critical - socially, emotionally, and academically. Routines are established quickly, and your support makes a real difference. Here's how you can help your child start strong:

- Set a consistent bedtime and morning routine before school starts.
- Schedule doctor or dentist appointments outside school hours when possible
- Avoid trips or travel during school days.
- Talk to your child about the importance of good attendance

Our goal is for every student to attend at least 95% of the school year. As part of our September Attendance Challenge, all students with 95%+ attendance by 30th September will be entered into our prize draw.

If you're experiencing any challenges with school attendance, please reach out to your child's tutor or our attendance team - we're here to help and work with you.

Key Dates for Your Diary:

- 2nd September: *Welcome to Sixth Form!* – Year 12 Parents & Students (6pm)
- 25th September: *Welcome to GCSEs!* – Year 10 Parents & Students
- 9th October: *Year 11 Exam Support* – Year 11 Parents & Students
- 23rd October: *Meet the Tutor* – All Parents & Students

Exact timings and further details will be shared closer to the events

We're proud to begin the new term celebrating some fantastic exam results, but we know our students achieve much more than grades. If your child has achieved something special over the summer, please do share it with us at admin@rednockschool.org.uk - we'd love to celebrate it together when the school community returns.

I'm excited for the year ahead and look forward to welcoming our students back next week. In the meantime, if there's anything you need, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely



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