Rednock School
Where everyone matters

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As summer draws to a close, we are eagerly anticipating the return of our students later this week. Today, we welcomed staff back for the first of two INSET days, which has helped bring our school alive again. However, we know that our school will not truly thrive until our students return.

You already received a letter from Mr. Stratford last week about school reopening. However, as a polite reminder, please find the key details below:

- **Wednesday 2nd September:** Staff INSET – School closed to students.
- **Thursday 3rd September:** Year 7 & Year 12 Return – School reopens for Year 7 and Year 12 students only. Year 7 students should report directly to the Main Hall. Year 12 students are to report to the Sixth Form Common Room.
- **Friday 4th September:** All Students Return – School reopens for all remaining year groups, starting with an extended tutor period.

Uniform, Equipment, and Phone-Free Policy: As we begin the new term, please ensure your child returns in full alignment with our uniform policy, along with the essential daily equipment: a pen, pencil, ruler, calculator, and reading book.

Starting Thursday, we are launching our phone-free school day. Students will receive their personal 'Focus Pouch' on their first day back (Thursday 3rd September for Years 7 and 12; Friday 4th September for Years 8–11). Tutors will spend time during registration and lessons guiding students on how this system operates. Please remind your child of these expectations before the term begins.

A list of Frequently Asked Questions regarding the phone-free policy is available on our website here.

Attendance Matters!

We look forward to seeing everyone return. Although students are only in for one or two days this week, attending from day one is vital. It allows students to reconnect with friends and staff, receive their timetables, learn new routines, and start learning immediately. Research indicates that students who miss the opening days of an academic year are more likely to struggle with long-term absence.

Good attendance is crucial for academic success and student well-being. You can help your child start strong by:

- Re-establishing consistent bedtime and morning routines before term begins.
- Scheduling medical or dental appointments outside of school hours where possible.
- Avoiding family trips or travel during term time.
- Having regular conversations with your child about the importance of attending school.

If you are experiencing any difficulties regarding attendance, please reach out to your child's tutor or our attendance team—we are here to support you.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming our students back for what promises to be a fantastic year ahead.

Our very best wishes,

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