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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a wonderful summer and found time to relax, recharge, and make some fantastic memories. Following a successful summer exam season, we are excited to welcome students back to school next week. As we look ahead to the new academic year, please note the following key information and start of term arrangements.

Start of Term:

- **Tuesday 1st & 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.
- **Friday 4th September: All Students Return -** School reopens for all remaining year groups, starting with an extended tutor period.

The school building opens to students from 8:20am each day, unless they arrive earlier by school bus or are attending Breakfast Club.

Uniform and Equipment: As we begin the new term, we ask all students to return in line with our uniform policy. Please also ensure your child comes prepared with the essential equipment needed for learning each day: a pen, pencil, ruler, calculator, and a reading book. Starting the year with the correct uniform and equipment sets our students up for success.

Phone-Free School: As you know, from September, we begin our phone-free school day to foster a calm, focused, and positive learning environment. Further details about this policy can be found here.

Students will be issued their personal 'Focus Pouch' on their first day back (Thursday 3rd September for Year 7 and Year 12; Friday 4th September for Years 8–11). Tutors will spend time during registration and lessons guiding students on how the new system works. Please remind your child of these expectations before term starts, and ensure they bring their pouch with them to school every day once issued.

Medical Exemptions: If your child requires access to their mobile phone for a medical condition, they will be provided with a specialist medical pouch. We believe we have already identified and contacted all families who require this. However, if this applies to your child and you have not heard from us, please email admin@rednockschool.org.uk.

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

Attendance Matters: Good attendance is vital for academic success and student well-being. The first few weeks of term are critical for establishing routines, making friends, and setting the tone for the year. You can help your child start strong by:

- Establishing consistent bedtime and morning routines before term begins.
- Scheduling medical or dental appointments outside of school hours
- 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.

Finally, while we are celebrating fantastic exam results this summer, we know our students accomplish so much more beyond grades. If your child achieved something special over the break, please let us know at admin@rednockschool.org.uk so we can celebrate their achievements with the school community.

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

Yours sincerely,



Mike Stratford
Headteacher