

14th May 2018

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Thank you for all of your support you have given Red House Academy. I wanted to take this opportunity to update you regarding a couple of things.

Student Voice

Student Voice at Red House is extremely important to us. After introducing the Student Voice programme in January the response of our students has been amazing. All students had the opportunity to apply to become a Chair of one of our Satellite Groups, which included: Teaching & Learning, Charity/Culture/Community and Aspiration & Well-being. Students were shortlisted and participated in a formal interview, which gave them an opportunity to appreciate and engage with the challenges of an application and interview process. As a consequence group members, Chairs and Vice Chairs were selected. Now we are in the process of electing a Student Voice President. The three Chairs are preparing their election materials for a week of campaigning and hustings before the Election Day on Friday 18th May. All members of the academy will be eligible to cast their vote for Student Voice President. The outcome of the election will be announced at the Inauguration Ceremony on Monday 21st May. Our local MP (Sharon Hodgson) has already accepted an invitation to be a special guest at the Inauguration Ceremony. We look forward to the contribution the satellite groups and the Student Voice Leadership team (Chairs and Vice Chairs of the satellite groups) will make to Red House Academy.

Year 11 Exams

Year 11 are completely focussed on external exams. We held a very successful exam information evening for students and parents on 26th April. I would encourage Y11 students to take full advantage of all the revision and Progress Clubs open to them. We are keen to do everything in our power to support them at this crucial time – don't hesitate to contact us. Please do check the examination/ intervention timetable daily to make sure nothing is missed.

I would ask that all members of the Red House Community show consideration to year 11 during this crucial time.

Year 8 Graduation

Our Year 8 students will graduate on Friday 6th July. It promises to be an event not to be missed. For the students that successfully graduate Y8 there will then be a celebration activities holiday on Friday 13th July and Saturday 14th July (Separate letter sent to Year 8 parents with further information).

Behaviour and Attendance

At Red House Academy, excellent behaviour, attendance and punctuality is our aim for every child. As part of this, we value your continued support for the systems that we have in place to support your child in these areas.

During the course of this year we have been introducing a new behaviour policy. By doing this we have successfully reduced the amount of disruptions to the learning for children across the academy. Improvements have been seen in a reduction of low-level disruptions and focus in lessons. We currently have all but one year group on the policy. The final year will start on the new policy soon.

Changes to Timings of the School Day

We are planning to change the school day with effect from September 2018.

Timings of the Academy Day 2018 / 2019	
Period 1	8.25 am – 9.25 am
Period 2	9.25 am – 10.25 am
Tutor Time	10.25 am – 10.45 am
Break	10.45 am – 11.00 am
Period 3	11.00 am – 12.00 pm
Lunch	12.00 pm – 12.30 pm
Period 4	12.30 pm – 1.30 pm
Period 5	1.30 pm – 2.30 pm

Uniform

I would like to thank parents for supporting Red House Academy with the Uniform Policy and praise the students regarding the pride they are taking in wearing the correct academy uniform. For September we are making only one change to our policy. I inform you now as I know that some will be buying uniform in preparation for the new academic year. The change is regarding footwear. From September students must wear school shoes. These shoes must be plain black polishable shoes – leather or leather type shoes. This means no trainers, no boots above the ankle, no non-black buckles etc. and no shoes with colours across. I thank you in advance for your support with this.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 28 th May 2018 – Friday 1 st June 2018	Half term week
Thursday 14 th June 2018	Parents Consultation Evening (all year groups)
Friday 29 th June 2018	Staff Training Day
Friday 6 th July 2018	Y8 Graduation / Y11 Prom
Friday 13 th July & Saturday 14 th July 2018	Y8 Activities Residential
Friday 20 th July 2018	Last day of term
Tuesday 4 th September 2018	Term starts for students

Yours faithfully

Mrs J Kennedy
Principal