



The Redhill Academy

Year 6 Transition Guide 2026





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Welcome

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

It is my pleasure to welcome you as new parents and your sons and daughters into Year 7, for the academic year 2026-27. Like all of the staff at the Academy, I'm very proud to be part of the Redhill team. Over the years we have continued to build on previous successes through our strong partnerships with parents and positive relationships with our students. At The Redhill Academy we have high expectations of ourselves and our students and will encourage them to achieve the best they can in our supportive and stimulating environment. There are lots of exciting things in store for the students both within lessons and in the many co-curricular activities on offer which I would encourage them to embrace as much as they can. Finally, I would like to thank you for choosing the Redhill Academy for the next stage of your child's education and we look forward to working with you to provide the best opportunities possible.



Mr. Hardy
Headteacher



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Every student at The Redhill Academy, from Year 7 through to Year 11 is a member of one of 6 Houses.

Vertical tutor groups of around twenty students are arranged within the house system. The tutor has prime responsibility for the support of students within the tutor group and liaises closely with the Heads of House to provide support, care and guidance for all students. Within tutor groups older students are encouraged to mentor younger students, providing an additional informal means of support.

Knight House



Knight House is led by Head of House Mr Britton. We are extremely proud of our wonderful team of tutors and students who get involved in a diverse range of activities and are able to showcase a wide variety of interests and talents. Knight House is named after the famous Nottingham born artist Laura Knight who amongst many other things, really contributed to the representation of the role of women during WW2. We will talk about her when you arrive here but she had a very difficult and interesting childhood if you want to do some research before next year. As a House we are keen to do our best to help support local charities and for the last few years have raised money for Footprints, a Conductive Education Centre for children with mobility and communication problems. Each year we do a fancy dress sponsored Santa Run as our main fundraiser.

We are very proud of how our Knight House students believe in our message of participation (in events both in and out of school), supporting each other and achieving. We really look forward to seeing you next year and welcoming you to Knight House!

Smith House

Hello year 6s and congratulations if you are joining Smith House.

There are a wide range of inter-house events and inter-tutor activities, which you can participate in to represent both Smith House and your Tutor group. They are also a great way to make new friends and try something new. Our House is named after Sir Paul Smith, an avid cyclist, but you probably know of him as the Nottingham based owner of the very successful clothing label that carries his name. Hopefully you'll be able to achieve as much success as he has.



A large part of what we do as a House each year is raise money for our charity, The Teenage Cancer Trust, who provide life-changing care and support for young people. Hopefully you can help us raise money by helping out with our concert next year!

Larwood House

Larwood House is the newest of the six Redhill Houses and we are very proud to be named after the great Harold Larwood, the famous cricketer who represented Nottinghamshire and England. He was considered by many to be the finest and fastest fast bowler of his generation and possibly of all time. Harold achieved what he did through hard work and dedication.

The recent Inter-House athletics event was a demonstration of positive team spirit, togetherness and pride in Larwood House and I am confident that this is something which will continue to grow next year.

Moving forward it is important that we all recognise the importance of good attendance, working hard, embracing opportunities, being respectful, punctual and



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Lawrence House

Lawrence House is known by the colour yellow, which describes us perfectly; bright, enthusiastic, vibrant and full of life! We are named after the famous writer, D H Lawrence, who is one of the most highly regarded and influential writers of the 20th century! We are proud that D H Lawrence was educated in Nottingham and lived very close by, in Eastwood.

Students in Lawrence House have many varied talents, including acting, climbing, singing, creative writing and many more. We love for our students to showcase their talents during our Inter-House competitions and challenges. Lawrence House raise money each year for the Nottingham Childrens' Hospital at the Queen's Medical Centre. In the past we have raised money by hosting an obstacle course event called Tough Lawrence and have created and sold Lawrence House calendars. We'd love some new fundraising ideas from you this year, if you have some!

The best thing about Lawrence House is that our students are always willing to join in with new activities. Our fantastic Student Leaders will encourage you too. Come and join us!



Green House

It's a Great Green Welcome to all Year 6 students coming to join us as the Class of 2026!

We are named after the brilliant scientist George Green (1793 – 1841), born and 'bread' in Nottingham. George came from a humble background as a miller's son but was such a good student that he became a leading scientist of his day who made important discoveries that led to our being able to harness the power of electricity! We have historically been an incredibly successful house. We have a great track record of winning many house events including our very own Redhill's Got Talent! Our outstanding record of attendance and behaviour also has allowed our house to achieve success in inter house cups. Something you can help us achieve again when you join us! A large part of what we do as a House each year is raising money for our charity, Rainbows, who provide life-changing care and support for young people. Hopefully you can help us raise money by helping out with a charity event next year!



Africanus House

Africanus (Blue) house gets their name from George Africanus. George Africanus was the first black entrepreneur in Nottingham. In 1766, aged just three, George John Scipio Africanus was taken from what is now Sierra Leone and forced into slavery. Yet, by the time he died, almost 70 years later, he owned his own business, was a rent collecting landlord, had the right to vote and helped keep the peace in Nottingham.

Our Africanus House charity is the Make a Wish Foundation. Last year we raised £316.67 from inter-form, whole school and individual fundraising events. Next year we would like to raise £500 to help grant someone's wish.

Africanus house always shows a positive attitude to all challenges, events and activities even when they get tough. We look forward to you joining Africanus House!



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The Learning Resource Centre



The library is a bright, welcoming space at the heart of the school that provides a reading, study and learning environment for students. It is open before and after school, and at breaks and lunchtimes. There are also boardgames available for students during this time.

There is a large collection of fiction and nonfiction books, as well as News First newspapers, that are inclusive and represent different cultures and diversities. Ranging from classics to the newest trending bestsellers, this collection aims to inspire reading for pleasure as well as support education and personal development. Indeed, research shows that reading leads to greater future success and mental wellbeing. Students may borrow up to 2 books for up to 3 weeks at a time. Books may be renewed at the library desk for an additional 3 weeks if needed. Requests for books to be purchased for the library use are encouraged; whilst this can't be guaranteed, the librarian will do their best to fulfil them where appropriate.

It is well used during lesson times by Accelerated Reader classes and sixth form students undertaking independent study. Space is available for individual and quiet group work and there is access to computers to complete research and homework, plus a nearby printer/photocopier.

Homework club is held after school in the library from 3.05 to 4pm, Monday to Thursday. Students who are staying are required to sign in at the library desk, where help can be provided when needed.

During Wednesday lunchtimes the library is reserved exclusively for Book and Manga Club. Our reading role models, the student Library Leads and Reading Champions across the year groups, gather to read, critically engage in thoughtful discussions, and create engaging book displays. This includes groups following the Carnegie book awards where they can vote nationally for favourite reads, as well as participating in charity readathons.

LRC opening times:

Monday to Thursday 8am to 4.00pm

**Friday
8am to 3.30pm**



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THE REDHILL WAY

Work hard

- To have high aspirations
- To act on feedback
- To be resilient



Embrace opportunities

- Co-curricular
- Pledges
- Leadership



Be respectful

- Of self
- Of others
- Of the environment



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School Uniform

Jewellery – one pair of stud earrings and one discreet nose stud (if desired). No other jewellery is permitted.

Hair – 'extreme' hairstyles or use of brightly coloured dyes is not allowed

Coat – plain, dark, waterproof with hood

Blazer – with badge and house colours on breast pocket

White school shirt – (top button fastened, shirt tucked in)

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School jumper – may be worn under the blazer

School tie – must have a minimum of seven stripes

Redhill trousers with school badge

Redhill skirt with school badge

No hoodies, tracksuit tops, body-warmers, bomber jackets or sports jackets with logos

White/grey/black socks with black, low heeled shoes. No boots, trainers or pumps or canvas style shoes

Black tights or ankle socks with black low heeled shoes. No boots, trainers or pumps.

Redhill PE Kit Policy

- Plain Black shorts or leggings
- Red socks
- Redhill Logo PE Unisex Top – The Jumper is optional but they must have either the short sleeve top or long sleeve Rugby top



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Purchasing Uniform

Uniform expectations and links to our uniform suppliers can be found on our website in the 'Parents' section under 'Uniform'



Our official uniform suppliers are:

Just School Wear— 0115 965 2869 / just-schoolwear.co.uk

School Wear Solutions— 01159258046 / schoolwearsolutions.com



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Pledge System

Students at The Redhill Academy are encouraged to gain a breadth of experiences both in and out of academy life. This includes accessing the wide range of extra-curricular opportunities on offer and representing their House. In order to further develop this ethos and raise expectations around the importance of engagement from everyone, we have in place an exciting programme called 'Pledges'.

Students are awarded Pledges for their wider contribution to academy life. The theme of our Pledges are displayed throughout the academy and staff dedicate time to focus on helping students in identifying opportunities to achieve their Pledges and the importance of doing so. The Pledges are detailed below:

The Redhill Academy Pledges

- 1. To successfully participate in residential trips.** *Students must ensure they represent the academy's ethos, values and code of conduct at all times. For example; Dieppe Trip, Ski Trip, German/French Exchange, WW1 Battlefields, Sports Tours, Performing Arts Trips.*
- 2. To represent the academy in sports or to contribute to Academy Performing Arts events.** *Students must represent the academy consistently in sports events or teams (inter-school). For example; Football, Athletics, Netball, Tennis, Trust Academy games. Students must contribute consistently towards Performing Arts events. For example; Music events, Dance, Drama, backstage, lighting and sound support.*
- 3. To read a range of novels every year and complete a book review for at least one per term.**
Students must read a range of challenging novels throughout the school year and present a review at least three times. For example; To Kill a Mockingbird – written review to Tutor / verbal presentation to Tutor group or a visual representation (art work or collage) incorporating themes, characters and language from the novel. Alternatively, students may negotiate a different response style such as a song, poem, video diary.
- 4. To participate in at least three different assemblies or contribute to organising a Tutor activity or event.** *Examples; House or Year assembly, organising a Tutor Time debate, a presentation or an activity for others.*
- 5. To organise or actively participate in at least three fundraising events.** *Students must get involved in fundraising events to support local or national charities. These events could be in-House, whole school or open to the local community. For example; House Charity, Children in Need, or Comic Relief.*



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6. To represent the Academy / House in ten different events. For example; *Inter-House, Inter-Form, Tug of War, Sporting, Non-Sporting, It's a Knock Out, Maths Competition or Maths Challenge.*

7. To take part in community projects. Students must make a significant contribution to the local community. For example; *Student Voice and Sports Leaders, Duke of Edinburgh, annual Carol Concert, Primary School visits.*

8. To participate in activities that support others within the Academy. Students must consistently support their peers in a range of ways. For example; *Mentoring, Coaching, Induction, Options or Paired Reading.*

9. To attend cultural or sports events outside of school. Students must demonstrate a consistent commitment to a range of cultural or sporting events outside of school. For example; *Art Galleries, Theatre trips, Sports events / tours.*

10. Individual Pledge. To be set by the Tutor with the student.

Pledges are recorded in a Passport. Each student will have their own individual Passport which will stay with them through Years 7-11.

Students in Year 11 will also celebrate their 'Pledge' achievements by earning their 'Passport to the Prom'. This is earned through making progress with their Pledges, outstanding attendance and punctuality, good academic progress and a positive behaviour profile.

Our Pledges will further engage students in opportunities and events that take place in the Academy. We look forward to sharing and celebrating the successes of our students.



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Dining Hall Sample Menu

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Meal Deals

£2.90

Chef's Special Meal Deal
Chef's Special Meal of the Day (Vegetarian Option Available)

Curry Meal Deal
Curry of the Day with Rice & Naan Bread

Jacket Potato Meal Deal
Jacket Potato with up to 2 fillings

Pasta Meal Deal
Pasta of the Day Topped with Cheddar Cheese

Deli Meal Deal
Assorted Filled Cob with a Dessert & Canned Water

Kiosk Meal Deal
Burrito or Curry Filled Naan

MEAL DEALS ARE SERVED WITH YOUR CHOICE OF DESSERT



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ITEMS & PRICES

MAINS & JACKETS

Daily Special	£2.50
Pasta	£2.50
<i>with Garlic Bread, Sauce and Cheese</i>	
Daily Curry	£2.50
<i>with Naan Bread</i>	
Jacket Potato	£2.50
<i>up to 2 toppings free</i>	
Extra Toppings	£0.60
<i>Cheese, Tuna, Baked Beans</i>	
Chips or Wedges	£1.80
Chips + Toppings	£2.50
<i>up to 2 toppings</i>	
Chip Cob	£1.80
<i>up to 2 toppings</i>	

SNACKS & SIDES

Sausage Roll	£1.00
Vegan Roll	£1.00
Pizza Slice	£1.00
Sausage Cob	£2.00
Bacon Cob	£2.00
Croissant	£1.20
Garlic Bread	£0.90
Naan Bread	£0.90

DELI & TO-GO

Hot Chicken Wrap	£2.20
Filled Cob	£2.20
<i>a variety of flavours</i>	
Panini	£2.20
<i>Cheese and Ham, Tuna or Tomato</i>	
Naanster	£2.50
<i>Chicken tikka or Vegan Curry</i>	
Burrito	£2.50

DESSERTS

Cookie	£1.10
Flapjack	£1.10
Fruit Pot	£1.10
Fruit Piece	£1.10
Yoghurt	£1.10
Daily Pudding	£1.10

DRINKS

Water Can	£1.00
Radnor Fruits	£1.20
Suso	£1.20



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Sample Year 7 Timetable

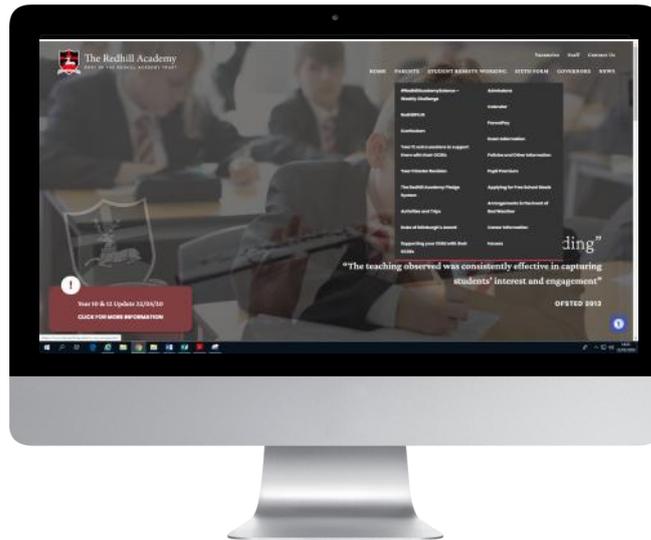
	Period 1 8.45-9.45	Period 2 9.45-10.45	Break 10.45 - 11.05	Period 3 11.05-12.05	Tutor time for Lawrence, Larwood & Smith Lunch for Africanus, Knight & Green 12.05-12.35	Tutor time for Africanus, Knight & Green Lunch for Lawrence, Larwood & Smith 12.35-13.05	Period 4 13.10-14.10	Period 5 14.10-15.10
Mon	English	Science	Break	Maths	Tutor & Lunchtime	Tutor & Lunchtime	French	English
Tue	Science	Maths		English			Design Technology	Food
Wed	Maths	History		PRE			Drama	Physical Education
Thu	History	Science		Geography			Maths	French
Fri	Music	Art		Science			English	Dance

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Period 2	9.45 – 10.45
Break	10.45 – 11.05
Period 3	11.05 – 12.05
Tutor & Lunch	12.05 – 13.05
Period 4	13.10 – 14.10
Period 5	14.10 – 15.10



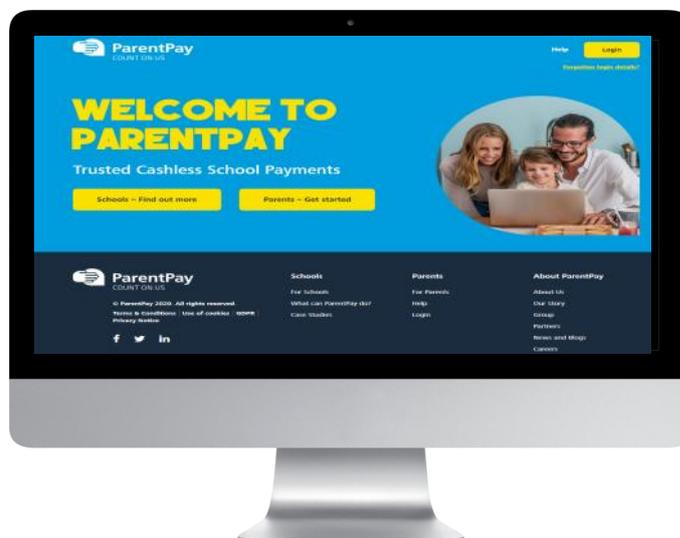
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Visiting The Redhill Academy website is a great way to keep up to date with the latest information and news. We regularly update our website with information for students and parents regarding all aspects of school life.

Parent Pay



The Academy uses Parent Pay, an online platform allowing parents to pay securely for trips and activities. Parents can also add money to their child's account for purchasing food in school. This allows us to operate a cashless catering system where students can purchase food and drinks using just a finger print. Further information on how to set up your parent pay account will be sent out before September.



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The Learning Support Centre (LSC)

Our team will support students with transition which we appreciate can be an anxious time for children and parents. We have already been working closely with our feeder schools to prepare us to help students joining us in September.

Parents/ carers of students with additional needs should, in the first instance, contact Mrs Berridge (SENCo) or Miss Bradshaw (Assistant SENCo):

a.berridge@theredhillacademy.org.uk

t.bradshaw@theredhillacademy.org.uk

We will allocate a member of the Inclusion Team who will be able to have a more detailed conversation regarding your child's needs, strengths, difficulties and interests with you.

In addition to in-class support, we offer a quiet space in Learning Support for students during break and lunchtime. They can eat with us and there are various games and activities to enjoy.



Mrs Berridge



Miss Bradshaw
Assistant SENCo



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The **S**tudent **S**upport Centre (**SSC**)



The Student support centre is run by qualified staff who offer a range of support and resources. Students have the opportunity to engage in mentoring, academic tutoring and small group work. We specialise in strategies for supporting students with all aspects of school life.



Mr Peters

Inclusion Manager



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DEAR

DROP EVERYTHING AND READ



At Redhill we want to develop and nurture a love of reading in all of our students. Reading regularly strengthens and speeds up neural pathways allowing you to be more creative, think more clearly and critically, ask better questions and make faster mental connections. In turn, this keeps your brain healthy. Most importantly, reading is great fun!

Every day of the week, all year 7,8 & 9 students and their teachers will stop what they are doing, pick up a book and read for at least 15 minutes; students will then be invited to talk briefly about what they are reading. DEAR is a reading initiative used across all the Redhill Trust schools, the main aims are to encourage students to make reading a part of their daily routine, and to ensure that all students complete more 'reading miles' and therefore make significant gains in their reading fluency and confidence. Students are very positive about the experience and relish the opportunity to read daily. Students are welcome to bring in a reading book from home or they can borrow one from the LRC where students are supported with choosing a book with an appropriate level of challenge.

We actively encourage students to also read everyday at home, either on their own or with others in their family.

Suggested Year 6 Summer Reading—look for the recommended reading sections in the 'Year 7 Curriculum booklet.



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Walesby Year 7 Trip



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Careers & Aspirations

The Redhill Academy is committed to providing all students in Years 7-13 with a high quality programme of Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance. Details of our careers programme can be found on the schools' website in the Students and Parents area under Careers.

We believe in a whole school approach and careers education is reflected across all subject areas, during National Careers Week, National Apprenticeship week and through inspirational talks by guest speakers from the world of work.

Our links with local universities, and our work with the Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Collaborative Outreach Programme (Dancop) highlights where a degree can take you and helps students to learn about University Life and researching the higher education options.

By the time students leave the Academy, they will have developed essential qualities and skills which they need, to help them 'stand out' and enjoy a rewarding and successful future.



Redhill Academy Trust Careers and Aspirations Leader is Mrs K Jane

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Inter- House Activities



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Student Planners

All Redhill Academy students are given a planner at the start of each academic year.

Planners are a great tool for home / school communication and for helping students to keep organised.

Students are expected to bring them to school every day and use them to record homework and other important information. Your child's form tutor will check each students' planner during tutor time every week. We ask that parents also check and sign them each week.



Week Beginning: 13th July 2020

	Subject	Homework Details	Date Due	Done
Monday lundi, Montag, lunes				
Tuesday mardi, Dienstag, martes				
Wednesday mercredi, Mittwoch, miércoles				
Thursday jeudi, Donnerstag, jueves				
Friday vendredi, Freitag, viernes				
Notes & Messages				
Tutor's signature: _____ Parent's/guardian's signature: _____				



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