



July 2024

Dear Parent,

As we approach the end of the academic year, we would like to share some important information about arrangements for both the final day of term and the programme for the first day back in September. In addition, on the reverse of this letter there is a reminder of the school's uniform guidelines. Hopefully this is helpful to parents who are looking to replenish uniforms over the summer.

Arrangements for the final day of term: Friday 26 July 2024

School will be closing after Period 3 on the final day to enable us to say goodbye to some long-serving members of staff who are leaving us at the end of this year. Students are allowed to leave at **12:05pm** after period 3.

If for any reason you wish your child to remain in school that afternoon, provision will be made for them to be supervised until 3.05pm. Lunch can also be provided in the New Dining Hall on request. Please contact the main office if you would like to make use of either of these provisions.

Arrangements for the first week back of the new academic year for students:

As usual, we will have a staggered start for different year groups. The start times and locations will be as follows:

Tuesday 3rd September 2024 – First day for Years 7, 11 & 12 only

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| Year 7 | Arrive at 8:40am and go directly to the Main Hall |
| Year 11 | Arrive at 8:40am and go directly to Tutor Rooms |
| Year 12 | Enrolment will take place on GCSE Results Day (Thursday 22 August from 9:00am until 2:00pm). Additional enrolment will be on Tuesday 3 September for those unable to make 22 August. Study will start at 9:45am with a Year 12 assembly on in the Old Dining Hall |

Wednesday 4th September 2024 – All Years – First day for Years 8, 9, 10 & 13

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| Years 7-11 | Arrive at 8:40am and go directly to Tutor Rooms |
| Year 12 | Report directly to Old Dining Hall for 8:45am |
| Year 13 | Report directly to Old Dining Hall for 9:45am |

*A slight amendment to the school timings will be in effect from September: in order to come into line with DfE guidance on 32.5 hours of school time per week, **the end of the school day from September 2024 will be 3:10pm**. The start of the day will remain as normal; first bell at 8:40am (onsite) and first period bell at 8:45am.*

Finally, I would like to thank you for your support over the past year and we wish you all a pleasant and enjoyable summer.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Hardy
Headteacher



UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

School Uniform

All students at Redhill, from Year 7 to Year 11, wear uniform. The wearing of a uniform makes an important contribution to the tone and reputation of the academy. We like students to come here looking smart and business-like and ready to work.

Parents can buy most garments relatively cheaply from a store of their choice.

A small number of items are branded; Ties, blazers, trousers, skirts and PE uniform. These are available from two suppliers:

Just Schoolwear can be found at 12 High Street, Arnold, Nottingham, NG5 7DZ. Their contact number is 0115 9652869. Items can also be ordered online from www.just-schoolwear.co.uk.

Schoolwear Solutions can be found at 116-118 Bramcote Avenue, Chillwell, Nottingham NG9 4DR. Their Contact number is 01159 258 046. Items can also be ordered online www.schoolwearsolutions.com.

All other uniform items should be plain with no logos or decoration.

Second-Hand Uniform

The Academy encourages students/parents who have next-to-new uniform that they have outgrown or do not intend to wear any longer, to donate these back to the Academy. These can be handed into Main Reception or Student Reception.

We work closely with The Children's Society, a national charity who will then stock these items in their Arnold branch at a greatly reduced price. Stock levels will depend on donations made.

Daily Uniform

Blazer: Black school blazer with school badge and House colours.

Trousers: Black Redhill Academy Logo Trousers only

Skirt: Black Redhill Academy Logo Skirt only

Shirt: Plain white with a collar and top button appropriate for use with a school tie. Soft collared sports shirts are not acceptable, i.e. polo shirts. No t-shirts are to be worn. There should be no badges or motifs on shirts. Shirts must be tucked in at all times.

School Tie: All students in Years 7 to 11 are required to wear a school tie. This can be either a normal school tie or a clip on. School ties need to be in immaculate condition. If your son/daughter's tie has threads pulled or ink marks on it then this will need to be replaced.

Jumper: Only the official school jumper may be worn (black, V-neck with red braiding). This an optional uniform item.



Socks or Tights: Plain grey, black or neutral tights or grey, black or white ankle socks. Knee high or over the knee socks are not permitted.

Shoes: Plain black shoes. The wearing of fashion shoes, particularly those without backs or with high/stiletto heels is not permitted. Boots, trainers or trainer-like shoes should not be worn.

School Coat: Students may wear plain coats or jackets. Hoodies, tracksuit tops or sports coats are not allowed.

Jewellery: Jewellery can be a safety hazard; it gets lost easily. Students may wear one pair of studs and one discreet nose stud. Any other visible piercing is not permitted. Students are also not allowed to wear rings, bracelets or necklaces in school.

Hairstyles: We expect hair styles to be neat and tidy and not extreme in any way. This includes tightly-shaven hair, tramlines or the use of brightly-coloured dyes. In the interest of student safety, long hair must be tied back in PE lessons.

Hair accessories: Hair bands, bows and other accessories should be discrete and black.

Headwear: Baseball caps are not permitted to be worn in school or on the school premises. Headwear worn for religious reasons should be plain black.

Make-Up / Nails: Make-Up including drawn on eyebrows, false eye lashes, false nails and nail varnish are not allowed. Nails should be short.

If you are unclear regarding any of these expectations, please contact your son or daughter's Head of House for further information.

Required PE Clothing

- Black and red polo shirt with the academy logo **or** black and red games rugby shirt with the academy logo.
- Plain black shorts / track suit bottoms / leggings with no logos.
- Red football socks
- Trainers
- Football boots

Optional PE clothing item

- Sweatshirt in black and red with the academy logo (optional)

All the above items are available from both Just Schoolwear and Schoolwear Solutions. Jewellery (including watches) must not be worn in any PE lessons. Garments worn as normal dress around school must not be worn for PE in the interest of hygiene.



School Equipment

- A strong bag, to carry books securely without damage is most important.
- Pen, pencil, ruler - students should also have their own eraser and coloured pencils.
- Mathematical instruments - in addition to normal equipment, students will need a compass and protractor for some lessons. Notice will be given when this equipment is required.
- Scientific calculators - the ability to use a calculator appropriately is required in many areas of the curriculum and we encourage all students to have their own. You are advised to consult the Mathematics staff before buying a calculator as certain features are essential.
- Musical instruments - although the school has some musical instruments available for loan, many parents will wish to purchase. You are advised to purchase these through the school, which has a scheme that offers good quality instruments at competitive prices. Details of this will be given to you early in the year.
- Exercise books/text books/student planner or organiser/writer's dictionary - these are supplied by the school for the student's use but their care is his/her responsibility. Please help to preserve them by ensuring they are covered, preferably with transparent plastic material. Students/parents will be expected to pay for the replacement of lost or damaged books/planners/organisers.
- Dictionaries - students will need their own basic English dictionary.
- All clothing and personal equipment must be clearly marked with the student's name.

Student Planner/Organiser

All students have a Student Planner issued at the beginning of the new school year. Its aim is to help students organise their daily life at Redhill effectively. Students are expected to record school events, attendance, homework, achievements, targets and comments from staff. The Planner contains a daily record of important aspects of their work at Redhill. Parents can also use the Planner to check their child's weekly routine, and send messages to school.

Parents need to sign their child's planner each week to confirm that they are aware of how their child is doing.

A replacement cost may be charged for a lost or defaced planner.