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Roding Valley
HIGH SCHOOL

30th August 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope you have had a good summer break and your child(ren) are excited about coming back to school. Once again there has been a great deal of activity on the school site during the summer break. The new 3G pitch is well on the way to completion and has an expected completion date of the 22nd September 2017. To ensure the students' safety during the construction of the pitch, all students, except Y7 will remain on the main playground at lunchtime. The Y7s will use the playground section by the sports hall. Once completed the Y7 & Y8 will spend their lunchtimes over on the sports hall playground and will be able to play football on the pitch as long as they bring the suitable footwear to change into.

The preparations for the construction of the new teaching and resource centre started over the summer break which has resulted in the Brook Road pedestrian entrance being removed for the period of the build. The planned completion date is the end of July 2018. During this period the students will have to access the school from the gate by the Brook Road vehicle entrance or the Alderton Hill pedestrian gate. Both gates will remain open until 9am with those students arriving after 8:35 being marked late. From 9am all students can only access the school through the main reception on Alderton Hill.

Please remind your children to be extra careful when walking to school as there may be pavements closed and diversions in place. They must follow these diversions as they are there to ensure their safety.

We were delighted with our GCSE and A Level results this summer and are extremely proud of the efforts of all students. In the new, reformed GCSEs in English and Mathematics, 67 per cent of all Roding Valley High School students achieved a good pass (Grade 4+) in English and 69 per cent of students achieved a good pass in Mathematics. These results are above the national results for these new GCSEs. These new GCSEs use a new numbered, grading system from 9 to 1, with Grade 9 being the highest grade. We are also delighted in the number of students who achieved Grade 9 in one or both English and Mathematics.

All other GCSEs were following the A*-G grading system and we were very pleased with the results in Biology, Chemistry and Physics which were excellent and well above the national average. With more of our students achieving the highest levels of attainment, we look forward to these students returning to our Sixth Form to start their A-Levels with us.

Our A Level results were the first cohort through our Sixth Form and we were pleased with our 98% pass rate. 33% of all grades were awarded at A*-B and this was a great achievement for our first cohort through. An outstanding 93 per cent of our Year 13s had applied for university and most the students achieved their first-choice university because of their achievements at A Level.



Our results at GCSE, along with our excellent A-Level results, represent a significant achievement for everyone involved with the school and it is very exciting to be part of such a successful school community.

The school has also made the following changes to bring our practices in line with other secondary schools.

1. Student reception will only be open at the following times:
 - 8:15 – 8:25
 - 11:00 – 11:20
 - 13:20 – 14:05
 - 13:05 – 16:00

2. The student reception will not take any payments from September 2017. All payments will be taken through the finance department which will be open at breaktime and lunchtime and will only accept cheque payments. Ideally we would like all payments to go through ParentPay. Please contact the finance department on 02085081173 Option 3 or email finance@rodingvalley.net for your login details and any help needed to access the ParentPay system. If you do not have access to online services the finance staff will take a card payment over the phone. Please contact Karen Salmons on 02084188286 if this causes you any problems.

Students will still be able to add cash to their lunch accounts using the revaluer located on the covered bridge by the Maths classrooms.

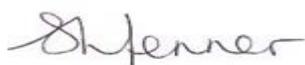
3. All room changes and other general student notices will be displayed on a new notice board located in the wooden reception. Please advise your child to look there for information when student reception is closed.

4. Permission slips can be given into reception during its opening times. Outside these periods they can be posted in the post box located next to the new noticeboard in the wooden reception.

We look forward to seeing all the students back in school on:

Tuesday 5th September – Year 7 & 12 only
Wednesday 6th September – all years

Yours Faithfully



Mrs Sharon Jenner
Head of School



Mr Paul Banks
Executive Headteacher