

31st August 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

We look forward to welcoming all our students back to Rockwood Academy for the Autumn Term on Tuesday 5th September 2023. I hope that all students have had a wonderful summer holiday and are ready for the year ahead. I am sure it will be incredibly rewarding.

For students new to the academy in Year 7, on Tuesday 5th September, gates will open at 8.25am and all students are expected to be on site by 8.30am.

For students in Year 8-11, on Tuesday 5th September, gates will open a little later than normal at 9:15am. All students will leave at the normal time 3.10pm.

All students will have the opportunity to spend time with their form tutor, participating in key sessions about our values and being introduced to new staff via assembly. All students will also be issued with a new timetable and a new planner to keep themselves organised. As usual, our first day back reminds students of our key routines and processes and gets them back into good habits for learning.

I would like to remind parents that we expect all students to arrive in full school uniform with full equipment, ready to “reach for the stars”. Our ‘Uniform and Equipment Policy’ is clear and is available here: <https://www.corerockwood.academy/school-life/uniform-equipment>. We do have some second-hand uniform available thanks to families of students in Year 11 and if parents wish to obtain blazers in particular, they should drop into Reception before the end of Monday 4th September and ask for a member of the pastoral team.

I would also like to remind parents that all students must have full PE kit. We will continue to use the Class Charts app to communicate key data around your child’s performance at school, including rewards, attendance and behaviour. School attendance is a key focus for us all during the year ahead, please ensure that your child attends school regularly – we aim for 100%.

From Wednesday 6th September and every day thereafter, all students are expected to arrive between 8.15am and 8.30am to be on time for school which begins at 8:35am. All key events and term dates for the year ahead are on our website. We are excited for the promise of a new academic year and look forward to welcoming our “Rockstars” on Tuesday.

Yours sincerely



David Cooke
Head of School