

30th June 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians

As I wrote at the end of last week, with the forecast predicting extremely high temperatures for tomorrow, Tuesday 1st July 2025, I have had to make the difficult decision to cancel tomorrow's Sports Day. I am very disappointed to have to do this, but I trust parents/guardians appreciate that my priority has to be the health and safety of students and staff. I would like to thank Ms McGuigan, Head of PE, and the PE team for all of the hard work they have put into preparing for the day. I know the students have put in a significant amount of work into creating their tutor group banners, these will now be judged at celebration assemblies.

The school building is also very warm given the high outside temperatures and we have decided today to re-room lessons that were scheduled to take place on the upper floors of the building this afternoon. As Headteacher, I will always take all reasonable steps to keep the school open to as many students as possible, while also ensuring the health and safety of everyone on site. I have worked with the senior team on a risk assessment, and it is clear that, with the Year 6 induction day taking over large sections of the school, we will need to move to remote education for Year 8 and 9 tomorrow.

These year groups will be set tasks to complete at home through Google Classroom. Students should first check their Google Classroom for independent tasks set by classroom teachers and then use the curriculum map (click [here](#)) to access independent learning activities for all subjects.

We will have provision for students in Year 8 and 9 who are considered vulnerable and children of key workers. Should parents/guardians believe they are a key worker, or that their child is vulnerable, please complete the short Google Form (click [here](#)) before 8am tomorrow morning so that we can plan provision for this group of students.

Students in Year 7 and 10 should attend school as normal, and lessons will go ahead following their standard RHS timetable where possible.

The following adjustments have been made for Tuesday 1st July 2025:

- Students can either wear the summer uniform (usual school uniform but with no blazer or tie, and top button undone) or wear PE kit (they do not have to wear the thick PE socks with their PE kit). Please note that students cannot mix and match school uniform and PE kit. Sixth Form students may wear loose-fitting clothing and shorts/skirts of acceptable length.
- Certain lessons will be re-roomed from particularly warm classrooms to make full use of larger spaces and air conditioned classrooms.
- The PE department will be adjusting their curriculum, particularly with regard to outdoor lessons or high-exertion activities. The MUGA and astro pitch will be monitored closely and may not be available at social time.
- Extra water will be available if necessary but I would strongly advise that students bring in more than one bottle of water.
- Should students wish to sit outside at social time, they should apply suncream and will be directed to stay in the shade.

Finally, while temperatures look set to return to seasonal averages for the second half of the week, we will maintain the more relaxed uniform with no need for a blazer or tie, as I expect the school building to remain very warm. I do, however, believe that there is no need for the PE kit adaptation to continue beyond Tuesday.

I would like to thank parents/guardians for your understanding of this difficult situation, and for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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