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Dear Parents and Carers

We have had an extremely busy and successful start to the spring term. I am pleased to inform you our highly experienced and committed team of staff are working relentlessly hard to ensure the students at Rockwood reach their potential. On the last day of term we are pleased to welcome the Anti-Bullying Asher Knight UK Tour in partnership with Barnado's, who will be performing to our students in Years 7 to 10.

Year 11 Half Term Revision Sessions

Revision sessions will take place during half term; these sessions are extremely important so we can support your child in achieving the best possible outcomes. Students will receive details of the sessions they are expected to attend. If you have any queries do not hesitate to contact the Academy on 0121 566 6500.

Independent learning makes a valuable contribution to the education and development of our students, particularly in preparation for exams. There will be ZERO tolerance of bad behaviour at these sessions.

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Saturday	
Business Studies	9.00-12.00	Textiles	9.00-12.00	Textiles	9.00-12.00	Maths Set 1	09.00-12.00	Arabic	9.00-12.00
English	9.00-12.00	Textiles	12.00-15.00	Textiles	12.00-15.00	Maths Set 2	9.00-11.00	Arabic	12.00-15.00
English	9.00-12.00	Spanish	9.00-12.00			Maths Set 3	12.00-15.00		
English	9.00-12.00	Geography	12.00-15.00			Maths Set 4	11.00-13.00		
		Business Studies	9.00-12.00						
		Music	9.00-12.00						

Uniform Standards

We have been so proud of our students' appearance this year; they wear their uniform and ID badges with pride and are a real credit to the academy. However, for those students who misplace their lanyards there will be a cost of £3 to replace the item. We welcome your continued support by maintaining the high standards and ensuring your child does not:

- wear nail polish or make up
- wear trainers
- have any extreme hairstyle, haircuts with patterns cut into the hair, Mohican haircuts or other such drastic haircuts

Attendance

Our students' attendance is currently in line with national and we are keen to improve this further. We are asking parents/ carers to ensure their child's attendance is 100% between now and the end of summer term. This is an important part of the school year, especially with crucial assessment taking place in various year groups and GCSE exams for Year 11 students.

Leave in Term Time

Rockwood Academy has adapted the Education Welfare Service guidelines of ZERO TOLERANCE for ALL term time holidays. Your children only attend school for 190 days out of 365. This leaves 175 days for holidays. Please book your holidays during these 175 days. If you do take your child on holiday without authorisation they may lose their place at Rockwood Academy and you may be issued a penalty notice.

Important Dates

Monday 26th February

INSET – Staff Training Day. School will be closed to all students with exception to selected Year 11 Business Studies students who have been invited in.

Tuesday 27th February

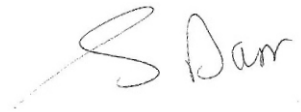
Students return to school at the normal time of 8.40am.

Upcoming Events in Spring Term

- Year 9 Information Evening
- Year 8 Options Evening
- Citizens UK Gig
- Mosaic Mentoring
- Rockwood's Got Talent
- Careers Fair Week
- Further Mathematics Support Programme Year 10 Maths Feast

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to you and your commitment to Rockwood Academy. On behalf of the staff and students we wish you a restful and enjoyable half term break

Yours sincerely



Sofia Darr
Headteacher