



**ROCKWOOD**  
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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a very busy Autumn term here at Rookwood Academy. There have been many exciting teaching and learning developments, mock examinations, events, trips and sports fixtures which have taken place. We held an extremely successful celebration for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Naseby School (a former name of Rockwood Academy) with former students and staff attending. The focus was to celebrate the journey of the school over the last 50 years. We have conducted many successful trips and visits including two theatre visits and the Geography trip to Snowdonia. We continue to work closely with all of our stakeholders; in particular, with parents and carers who play a key role in their child's success.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the students for their diligence and achievements so far this half term.

### **Year 11 Revision Sessions**

Revision sessions will take place during October 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 and they can also be accessed on the Rockwood Academy website. If you have any queries, do not hesitate to contact the academy on 0121 566 6500. Students are not expected to wear school uniform to the revision sessions but are expected to wear their lanyards.

### **Year 11 Mock Exams**

These will take place w/c 5<sup>th</sup> November. These exams are extremely important and we expect everyone to treat them as though they are the real exams. The results of these exams will be used to inform our estimated grades – these grades are an important part of college applications, so it is essential that they reflect the child's true academic standard. We will be providing a lot of guidance about revision and exam preparation, and your support with this will be much appreciated.

Please note that the intervention sessions after school for Year 11's will resume on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018 with a new finishing time of 4.45pm.

### **Uniform Standards**

The Rockwood Academy uniform is an important part of the culture and ethos of our school. High standards of dress are expected at all times and students must come to school every day in uniform as an indication that they take pride in belonging to the Rockwood Academy community. Please can you continue to support the school in maintaining the high standards by ensuring your child does not:

- wear trainers
- have an extreme hairstyle

### **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 5<sup>th</sup> November**

Students return to school at the normal time of 8.40am

**Week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> November**

Year 11 Mock Exams commence

## Events in Autumn Term 2

### **November**

- London Tate Modern Current Exhibitions
- New Alexander Theatre
- NEC Skills Show
- How to Get into Top Universities - PiXL

### **December**

- Wizard of Oz Performance
- Winter Concert
- The Nutcracker Ballet
- World Arabic Language Day

I would like to thank the staff for their dedication and hard work, as well as parents and carers for the continued support of Rockwood Academy and our students.

Thank you for all your support during this half-term, and I wish you an enjoyable break.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S Darr". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'S'.

**Sofia Darr**  
Headteacher