



Dear Parents and Carers

I am sure you like us will have been delighted with the positive start the students have made at The Ruth Gorse Academy. I can only describe it as the highlight of my career seeing the students in their new uniform, getting off the bus for the first time. It was so wonderful to see them smiling brightly, slightly apprehensive, but ready for learning as they entered the playground. This readiness, I have been pleased to see, has carried through from day one and is rapidly becoming the expectation each morning.

I just wanted to take this opportunity to let you know about some of the key things coming up this half term.

Open Day – Friday 19th September

The students and staff would like to invite you to come and look around The Ruth Gorse Academy. We know that you will not have yet had the chance to see inside the building and to see the students in their lessons, so on **Friday 19th September** we are having an Open Day from **8.30 – 11.30 am**. You are welcome to just pop in anytime within these hours.

This is an opportunity to see your son / daughter learning, to look around the facilities and to speak to some of their teachers. At **11.30 – 12.00** we will then hold our first **Celebration Assembly** to recognise the students who have excelled in a range of areas over the first weeks, you are welcome to stay to watch this.

Attendance

So far the attendance of the cohort has been fantastic. We are aiming for a whole school attendance figure of **97%** or higher.

It is really important that students come to school every day as this makes sure they do not miss important information that would stop them progressing if they are absent.

I would like to remind you that the taking of holidays during term time is against the law and families will be fined.

Congratulations to **Orion**, they have the highest attendance in the academy: **98.6%**

COMPETITION:

All students who achieve **98%** or better over the month of September will be entered into a prize draw to go on an Astronaut Leadership Experience with Astronaut Ron Garan in the **Lake District**, from **9th - 12th October** free of charge.



Peripatetic Lessons

Thank you to all students who have opted to take part in peripatetic lessons. These will take place within The Ruth Gorse Academy building and will begin on **Monday 22nd September**. If you are still to pay for your lessons please could you send the correct money with your child to school to be handed into reception? A timetable of the days and lessons will be sent home shortly.



Lockers

Lockers have now been assigned and distributed to students. If your child decides at a later date that they would like to use one, they need to bring in **£3.00** as a deposit to their form tutor. If the key is lost the student will not get their £3.00 deposit returned as it will be used to replace the key. If the fob is lost, £1.00 will be deducted from the deposit to replace this.

School Photographs

On **Wednesday 24th September** the photographer will be taking individual photographs of every student. Once the photographs are returned from the company you will have the opportunity to purchase a range of items with their photograph on.



Extracurricular Activities

As you will be aware we have been working on planning a whole school trip to Whitby in extracurricular time. As soon as this has been finalised you will be informed of the dates and what is involved in the residential trip.

A timetable of activities will be published shortly on the website and a copy sent home. Extracurricular activities begin on **Thursday 18th September 3.00 – 4.00 pm**

We look forward to seeing you at various events over the course of the Autumn term. The first parents' consultation evening is on **Tuesday 14th October 5.00 – 7.30 pm**. If you have any questions, queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

R. Taylor
Principal

Stars of the WEEK

Auriga

Chloe
Smith

Orion

Shereen
Abu-Amra

Pegasus

Skye Cuthbertson
Muhammed Bakar

Polaris

Faisal
Ahmed

For getting the most credits in their form in Week 1