

23 July 2019

Dear Parents / Carers

END OF TERM

As we approach the end of another very successful year, I wanted to write to thank you for your continued trust and support.

We have secured some excellent results, performing above national averages across all key stages, from our Reception Class through to Year 13. Some notable successes are the **Phonics Screening Tests** where we were one of very few schools across the entire country to secure a 100% pass rate, ensuring that every child is a reader from a very young age. Our **Progress 8** score for our last set of GCSE / vocational results placed us in the 'Above Average' category and the top 20% of all schools. Pupils continue to perform incredibly well in our Sixth Form, again in line with the very best schools / colleges nationally, and with so many of them going on to study at the top universities. I was delighted, just this last week, to discover that our first ever cohort of Year 6 children have secured outstanding results in their **SATs**, these are also significantly above national averages.

For us, these results form a very small part of our story. We have won national awards and recognition from the Local Authority and SSAT (Specialist School and Academies Trust) and we are, of course, incredibly proud. However, we refuse to ever be complacent and may be '*Outstanding*' according to Ofsted, but we are certainly not standing still. Throughout this year we have made big changes to ensure that our pupils become even more **responsible**, even more **resilient** and even more **ready to learn**. Our Behaviour Policy, curriculum and school environment have been developed further to promote the vision of our pupils '**being Roundhay**' – well mannered, well behaved, smart and confident young people ready for the future. We are consistent, fair and want Roundhay pupils to be happy; enjoy the very best lessons, extra-curricular and cultural opportunities. I am so very proud of the huge and varied range of Music, Drama and Art showcase events that have taken place throughout the year, alongside many sporting successes at a local and national level.

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HEADTEACHER
Matthew Partington

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John Mattinson

This really does not happen everywhere and I would like to thank all our amazing staff and pupils for making Roundhay School such a wonderful place to work and learn.

Arrangements for the start of next term

Our new **Year 7 return to school on Wednesday 4 September 2019 at 08.20.**

Years 8 - 10 return to school at 13.15 on Wednesday 4 September 2019. Year 8 and 9 should head to their form rooms and Year 10 to the Main Hall for an assembly. Usually on a Wednesday we close for pupils at 14.05 but, as this is our first day back, we will finish at 15.00.

Please note that many of our Year 8 – 10 pupils will be attending our Rewards trip to Lightwater Valley on Thursday 5 September 2019. A separate letter about this day has been sent home and we will remind pupils and parents about the arrangements on their return to school in September.

Year 11 return to school on Thursday 5 September 2019 at 13.15 and should go straight to the Main School Hall for an assembly.

If you have a child starting Sixth Form, please be aware that **Year 12 return on Thursday 5 September 2019 at 09.00 and Year 13 on Thursday 5 September at 13.15.** Both year groups should go to the Clephan Hall in the Pavilion building at these times for an assembly.

Uniform Changes

Our pupils look incredibly smart and we believe strongly that having such high uniform standards can raise aspirations, allow our pupils to feel proud of their school and prepare them for the world of work. All pupils are expected to be in **full** Roundhay School uniform (not green polo shirts) from the beginning of the new term.

A number of minor uniform issues have cropped up towards the end of the year, so as a reminder:

- Black tailored school and **not** skin tight trousers should be worn
- A single plain stud in each ear is allowed and **not** loop earrings
- Only official school badges are to be worn on blazers
- Black school shoes and **not** black trainers must be worn

We are giving pupils until September to make any necessary changes and we will be doing uniform checks throughout the year. Pupils will be sent home to remedy uniform issues so that we can continue to be smart and ready to learn. As ever, your support in ensuring that you son or daughter returns to school looking incredibly smart is vital and very much appreciated.

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Please note that there is an updated Roundhay blazer that our new Year 7 pupils are expected to wear (this has a new school logo on). For all other year groups, we do not expect pupils to buy another blazer but when they have grown out of their current one, please buy a school blazer with the updated school logo on.

As normal at this time of year, we are saying goodbye to a number of colleagues. I am sure that you will join me in thanking them for their contribution to Roundhay School and wish them all the very best. We are delighted that we have been able to appoint a number of excellent new staff who are very excited to work with our school community from September.

All that remains is to wish you all a wonderful summer break and to thank you, once again, for working with us as we aim to offer the highest expectations, aspirations and opportunities for Roundhay pupils.

With very best wishes.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Partington'.

Mr M Partington
Headteacher