

Dear Parents/Carers and Pupils

I would like to say a huge welcome back to you all and to share with you some of the things that have been happening at the school over the last few weeks.

After saying goodbye to our year 11 leavers at the end of July, we had some rather wonderful news over the summer holiday with the publication of our GCSE results. Of these, all pupils achieved an English Language Grade, including one with a Grade 5. In English Literature, two pupils achieved grades of Level 3 or above. Lastly, in maths the highest grade awarded was Level 6. I am immensely proud of the achievement of our young people. This goes to show that the staff at the Ryes College are providing an exceptional service for the outcomes for our young people, and hope to show our current group of pupils, that all things are possible in our school.

We have sadly had to say a fond farewell to those staff who have moved on to pastures new, but I would also like to welcome our new members of staff. Toby Cowper is joining us as our Science Lead Teacher and Jaya Wright who is joining the Senior Leadership Team as the schools Therapeutic Educational Lead. Jaya's role will be to support pupils in the school and work more closely with our SEN team to improve our support package for families and pupils.

Our young people have returned and a number of new pupils are joining the school over the next few weeks. The transition curriculum including the online programme are running at full speed and we will be ready for all pupils to start back together by the 21st September.

Over the holidays, a significant amount of work has been completed to make the school a more inviting environment and a safer place to be in. The staff car park at the back of the school now has a large protective perimeter fence, and the feedback I have received is that pupils feel much safer and happier. The school has been repainted on the outside, with white walls and foliage green doors. Ongoing work will include signage for the school, including road signage from the local authorities.

Moving forward, I will be sharing with you my plans to connect with you all in the next few weeks through online parent's meetings

It feels a very exciting and calm place to be and I look forward to sharing the progress that we are making in the weeks ahead.

Kind Regards

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