



20th July 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Principal's Final Summer Term Update

Looking back at the school log book, kept by each Headmaster/Principal since our school first opened in 1958, I note that only once before has Riddlesdown closed due to an extreme heatwave – and that was back in the infamous hot summer of 1976! I shall enjoy updating the log book with details of our most recent challenges, before leaving it for our next Principal. Thank you for your support and understanding this week. I have been pleased to welcome staff and students back to the site today and am looking forward to a very enjoyable final few days of term.

Celebration Season

Over the last few weeks, I have really enjoyed being able to celebrate students' achievements and efforts over this past year across a range of events: College Showcase Evenings, Arts Awards Evening, the Summer Concert and we still have Sports Awards Evening to look forward to tonight. Of course, not everyone will have received an award at these events, but I hope that all students will feel acknowledged by the comments made by Tutors in their reports. At this time, I would like to thank the Head Boys and Head Girls who have served their Colleges so well this academic year and I would like to congratulate our new College Head Ambassadors for 2022/23.

Aquila College Ria Bhogal Emmanuel Serworu	Orion College Rebecca O'Dongo Brennan Alexander	Pegasus College Sofia Martin Pahl Eralb Hyselli
Phoenix College Eloise Sullivan-Flatt Max Lorke	CPA College Eloise Adams Ben Lenaghan	College VI Shaznae Skerritt-Herry Bobby Adcock

Sports Day

Tomorrow, we shall hold our rescheduled Sports Day. A reminder that students should arrive at 8.30am, as usual, in their PE kit and bring a refillable water bottle, sunscreen and a hat, if they wish. Refreshments can be bought at the Sports Day BBQ (cash only). We are looking forward to a day of friendly competition, encouragement and I suspect some new records to be broken. Students will be dismissed at 2.40pm.

Last Day of Term

A reminder that the last day of term this Friday will be a non-uniform day with students asked to donate £1 to charity. Whilst acknowledging the warm weather, please ensure that students are appropriately dressed for school – very short shorts and bare midriffs, for example, are not permitted. Parents' support is appreciated. Students will be dismissed at 12.30pm.

Over the Summer

We look forward to seeing students to collect their exam results on 18th August 2022 (A Levels) and 25th August 2022 (GCSEs) – specific details have been sent already.

There will be a number of activities taking place on site over the summer as our facilities are increasing popular and are being booked by external users. In addition, the Facilities Team will take the opportunity to undertake significant site development over the summer break. This summer, there will be extensive refurbishment in Phoenix College, as well as general maintenance, repainting and deep cleaning.

Goodbye and Good Luck!

As usual at the end of an academic year, we shall be saying goodbye to a number of colleagues, many of whom have been a valuable part of our team for some time. We thank them for their contribution to our school and our community and we wish them the very best of luck for the future.

In particular, I would want to mention three special colleagues who are retiring this year:

- **Ms Marian Lynch**, who led our Business Education team for many years, has decided to coincide her retirement with a relocation to Devon. Ms Lynch has worked at Riddlesdown for 15 years and has built our provision for Business & Economics, making them both very popular options at KS4 and A Level. In addition, she has led on Careers in College VI and supported many students towards apprenticeships and work placements. We wish her the very best of luck with her move and a very happy retirement.
- Having been at Riddlesdown since January 1980, **Mrs Christine Taylor**, Teacher of French, will be known to many thousands of students and their parents (and possibly their grandparents!). She is just as energetic, passionate and commanding today as she ever was and she will be sorely missed by us all, and especially the team in Phoenix College where she has spent her last 13 years. Mrs Taylor's 42½ years of dedicated service have been exemplary and we wish her a very long and happy retirement.
- And finally, **Mr Gordon Smith**, CEO of The Collegiate Trust and former Principal at Riddlesdown from 2006-2015, is also beginning a well-deserved retirement this summer. Riddlesdown Collegiate, as it is today, reflects the vision for an exceptional education for all that Mr Smith conceived many years ago. He introduced the small schools model in 2009, he encouraged cultural and creative learning as well as a focus on academic rigour, he oversaw huge capital projects and steered the school through its change to an academy. Over the last 7 years, he has led our family of schools, still maintaining a keen interest in and support for Riddlesdown Collegiate and we shall miss his wisdom, guidance and visionary leadership. Mr Smith's legacy will leave a lasting impression on Riddlesdown and, on behalf of everyone in our community, I would like to thank him for his enormous contribution to what we have achieved and wish him a very happy and relaxing retirement.

Start of Term Arrangements

The first day of term for students will be **Tuesday, 6th September 2022**. Students should return at the following times:

Year 7	8.30am – 2.45pm
Years 8-11	9.30am – 3.00pm
Years 12 & 13	10.30am – 3.00pm

From Wednesday, 7th September 2022, a reminder that the timings of the school day will change to **8.30am – 3.00pm every day**.

All students should return in full school uniform and fully equipped for lessons. Parents are advised to ensure that ParentPay accounts are topped up in advance so that students can make purchases from The Diner, The Cube and/or the College VI Café.

Most Tutor Groups will have the same Tutor next academic year. A full list of Tutor Groups, including details of where a Tutor is changing and the assignment of Tutor Rooms, is provided below.

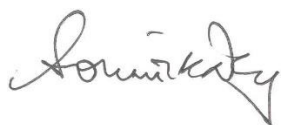
And finally...

After 7 years in post (and 16 years at Riddlesdown), this is my final update to parents as Principal of Riddlesdown Collegiate. At the time of writing, I am working from home in the hot weather and I am feeling a real sense of déjà-vu as I remember the weekly updates I prepared from my study during the recent periods of lockdown. Whilst leading the Collegiate through the pandemic was, in many ways, the greatest professional challenge I had faced to date, it did not make me not want to be a Principal – in fact, it only made me more determined to lead well and strive to support our community through adversity, maintaining our focus always on PEOPLE and LEARNING.

It has been an absolute pleasure to have been the Principal of our outstanding school and as I step into the role of CEO of The Collegiate Trust, I only hope that I will learn to love my new job as much as I have loved this one. In my new role, I will, of course, remain connected to Riddlesdown Collegiate as I oversee the work of each our Principals and I would like to take this opportunity to wish my successor, Mrs Katie Turner, the very best of luck as she takes up her new post. Having worked with Mrs Turner for many years, and very closely again in recent months to support a smooth handover, I know that her leadership will only accelerate Riddlesdown's future development.

I would like to publicly thank my outstanding Senior Leadership Team and my very talented wider team of staff – without their commitment, our school would not be the special place that it is. I would also like to thank all parents and carers for their constant support and encouragement – our students' successes would be significantly less without this. And finally, I would like to thank our wonderful students for their positivity, enthusiasm, engagement, kindness and humour – it will be my daily contact with them that I will miss the most and I wish them the very best of luck for continued success throughout their school years and beyond.

Yours sincerely



Mr S Dey
Principal

AQUILA COLLEGE			
Headteacher: Mr L G Chapman			
Deputy Head: Mr N N Nwanze			
Director of Learning: Miss N M Mallie			
Inclusion Co-ordinator: Miss E A Bloomfield			
Senior Tutor KS3: Mr J A Livesey			
(2021-22)	GROUP	TUTOR	ROOM
	7KJP	Miss K J Perren	A05
	7KGH	Mrs K G Hamilton	A04
	7NLC	Mr N L Clement	A16
(7TCB)	8NMM	Miss N M Mallie / Miss T B Watson	A06
(7ST)	8RMA	Miss R M Ahearn	A14
(7EJF)	8EJF	Miss E J Fletcher	A13
(8CCW)	9CCW	Mrs C C Wakelin	A09
(8ASL)	9ICS	Mrs I C Singh	A01
(8CT)	9CT	Miss C Tully	A10
Senior Tutor KS4: Mr G A Daniels			
(9JAF)	10JAF	Miss J A Franklin	A03
(9SEL)	10SEL	Mrs S E Lawson / Mrs S E Beecham	A11
(9NJC)	10NJC	Mrs N J Clark	A02
(10OMM)	11OMM	Mr O M Manuwa	A07
(10SAG)	11SAG	Mrs S A Grant / Mrs L M Baines	A08
(10NMC)	11NMC	Ms N M Carney / Miss T B Watson	A12

ORION COLLEGE			
Headteacher: Dr T R Harriott			
Deputy Head: Mrs D L Batten			
Director of Learning: Mrs F W Robertson			
Inclusion Co-ordinator: Miss K M Harvey			
Senior Tutor KS3: Mrs S T Harris			
(2021-22)	GROUP	TUTOR	ROOM
	7SMD	Mr S M Dower	O09
	7RJR	Miss R J Rapley	O08
	7FCP	Mrs F C Precup	O10
(7HCB)	8HCB	Mrs H C Baines / Dr C M Roberts	O05
(7JMP)	8JMP	Mrs J M Pekris	O16
(7JKB)	8JKB	Miss J K Baldwin	O07
(8IBD)	9IBD	Mrs I B Dey	O11
(8MLH)	9MLH	Mr M L Harman	O12
(8MTC)	9MTC	Ms M T Condon	O14
Senior Tutor KS4: Mrs B F Soga			
(9SA)	10SA	Miss S Akbar	O02
(9SGW)	10SGW	Mr S G Williams	O04
(9MEW)	10MEW	Mr M E Wilson	O01
(10ARB)	11FWR	Mrs F W Robertson / Ms S Bhatti	O06
(10JRH)	11JRH	Mr J R Henry	O18
(10YZG)	11YZG	Miss Y Z Gok	O03

COLLEGE VI			
Headteacher: Mr M P Smith			
Deputy Head: Mr J S Weeks			
Director of Learning: Miss D E Woolman			
Inclusion Co-ordinator: Mr N J Foney			
Senior Tutor (Year 12): Mrs J L Wallis			
(2021-22)	GROUP	TUTOR	ROOM
	12LCP	Mrs L C Phillips / Mrs C E Shepherd	C02
	12STM	Mr S T Mushtaq	VI.1
	12EHC	Miss E H Cathcart	VI.4
	12JAH	Mrs J A Hastings / Miss S J Hurley	VI.7
	12DEW	Miss D E Woolman	VI.8
	12EAJ	Mrs E A Johnson / Miss J P Baker	VI.18
	12NJF	Mr N J Foney	VI.14
	12KNJ	Mr K N Jones	VI.3
Senior Tutor (Year 13): Mr S P Connolly			
(12REJ)	13MFO	Miss M F Oughton	VI.17
(12FT)	13FRT	Mr F R Trainer / Mr W L Rees	VI.16
(12SEJ)	13SEJ	Mrs S E Jones / Miss G Kindred	VI.12
(12TMC)	13TMC	Mrs T M Chinsman	VI.21
(12ELH)	13ELH	Miss E L Holledge	VI.15
(12JLF)	13ALD	Mrs A L Dinham	VI.19
(12GBT)	13SCC	Mrs S C Chapman / Mrs N J Davis	VI.10
(12JWS)	13DDS	Miss D D Sudra	VI.6

PEGASUS COLLEGE			
Headteacher: Mr L R Harkness			
Deputy Head: Mr A J Edwards			
Director of Learning: Miss A K Jones			
Inclusion Co-ordinator: Mrs N Jeeves			
Senior Tutor KS3: Miss E M Reid			
(2021-22)	GROUP	TUTOR	ROOM
	7RCS	Mrs R C Stark	P01
	7PJW	Mr P J Watts	P14
	7WGG	Mr W G Grigg	P07
(7JRS)	8JRS	Mr J R Sach	P12
(7NJW)	8NJW	Mr N J Walker	P04
(7CLK)	8CLK	Miss C L Knox	P20
(8NSD)	9ES	Mr E Swainson	P08
(8SJA)	9ADC	Mr A D Cameron / Miss A K Jones	P18
(8EMR)	9LBM	Mrs L B McNally	P06
Senior Tutor KS4: Mrs J L Relph			
(9OCC)	10OCC	Mr O C Crane	P16
(9BP)	10BP	Mrs B Pampin	P02
(9SRC)	10SRC	Miss S R Castro da Luz	P10
(10AGW)	11MMG	Mrs M M Gillam	P09
(10FZU)	11FZU	Miss F Z Ullah	P05
(10LSC)	11NEP	Miss N E Pooley / Mrs N A Jamil	P03

PHOENIX COLLEGE			
Headteacher: Miss R Madon			
Deputy Head: Miss A M Creed			
Director of Learning: Mr R J King			
Inclusion Co-ordinator: Mrs A L Baxter			
Senior Tutor KS3: Miss G E Smith			
(2021-22)	GROUP	TUTOR	ROOM
	7HBW	Mr H B Watson	X16
	7FMA	Miss F M Argiolas	X03
	7RNM	Miss R N McPherson	X13
(7SIH)	8SIH	Miss S I Hartley	X11
(7SHY)	8SHY	Ms S H Yee	X12
(7JRM)	8JRM	Miss J R Mayne	X06
(8RPD)	9RPD	Mrs S E Anderson / Mrs I A Haq	X02
(8STM)	9RAC	Miss R A Cunniah	X07
(8AAW)	9AAW	Mr A A Walters	X01
Senior Tutor KS4: Mr D A Bellamy			
(9SLP)	10MA	Ms M Auguste	X05
(9HHR)	10HHR	Mr H H Raveendran	X14
(9GES)	10KMB	Mrs K M Banwell / Mrs I A Haq	X08
(10HJH)	11HJH	Miss H J Hay	X10
(10RAC)	11EIC	Miss E I Certenais / Mr R J King	X04
(10AKM)	11AKM	Mr A K McHale	X09

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Tutor Groups 2022-23