



19th September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

September Updates

We've had a very positive and purposeful start to the new academic year, with students settling in exceptionally well. This has been supported by our high expectations and consistent daily routines across the school, which help to create a calm, focused and inclusive learning environment. We're very grateful to our dedicated staff team for the work they've done to embed these routines and ensure that all students are set up for success.

We know that strong partnerships between home and school are key to every student's success, and it's been a pleasure to welcome so many families into school over recent weeks. Events such as the Welcome to Year 7 Evening, Welcome to GCSE Evening, and our College VI Welcome Evenings for both new and returning students, have been well attended and warmly received. We were also delighted to celebrate student achievements at our Celebration Evening, and to open our doors to prospective families during a series of Open Mornings. We encourage parents and carers to take every opportunity to attend events at the Collegiate, as this helps us strengthen our partnership and work together to support your child's success.

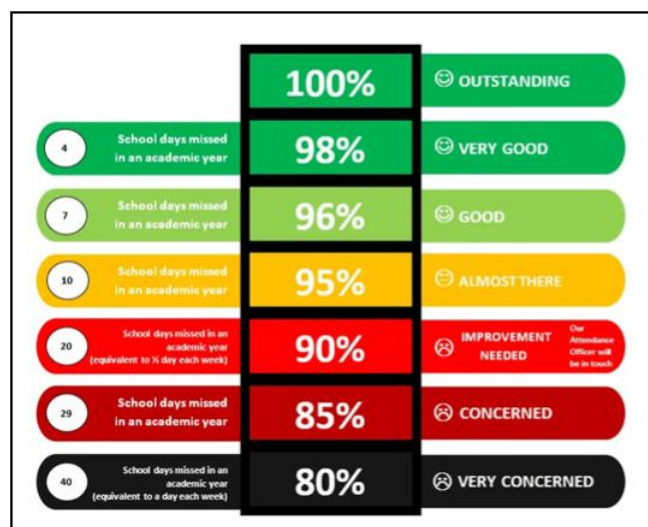
Open Evening

We are looking forward to welcoming prospective families to our Open Evening on Thursday 25th September. Preparations are well underway, and we have been incredibly impressed by the enthusiasm and commitment of our students — over 650 have volunteered to support the event as guides and subject helpers! To allow staff and students time to prepare, school will finish early on Thursday 25th September at 2:10pm (end of Period 5). The following day, Friday 26th September, there will be a slightly later start, with students expected to be in their tutor rooms by 9:20am for tutor time, before beginning their Period 2 lesson as normal.

Attendance Matters

At Riddlesdown Collegiate we know that excellent attendance is one of the most important foundations for every child's success. Being in school every day not only supports strong academic progress, but also helps children to build confidence, enjoy their learning, and make the most of all the wonderful opportunities we offer at the Collegiate.

Every day of learning counts, and even small amounts of missed time can add up quickly. We want every child to leave Riddlesdown Collegiate feeling proud of their achievements and ready for the future, and consistent attendance plays a vital role in making that possible. We set our students the attendance target of **97%** for the academic year.



Riddlesdown Collegiate



Annual Attendance	Annual Days Missed	Annual Learning Hours Missed	Learning Hours Missed over 5 Years
100%	0	0	0
97%	5	30	150
95%	10	60	300
90%	20	120	600
80%	40	240	1200
50%	100	600	3000

We truly value your partnership in ensuring that your child attends school on time, every day. If you are experiencing any challenges that may affect attendance, please do get in touch with your child's tutor, in the first instance. We are here to support you and work together so that your child can thrive.

Riddlesdown Collegiate Parents' Fund

As a Collegiate, we are incredibly grateful for the continued support we receive from parents and carers through contributions to the Riddlesdown Collegiate Parents' Fund. These voluntary donations play a vital role in enriching the educational experience we are able to offer all students—helping to fund additional resources, extra-curricular opportunities, and improvements to our learning environment that go beyond what government funding alone can provide. A heartfelt thank you to all families who have already contributed—your generosity makes a real and lasting difference. If you would still like to contribute, you can do so via our JustGiving page here: <https://www.justgiving.com/thecollegiatetrust>

Thank you for your continued partnership, collaboration and commitment.

Yours sincerely

Mr Daniel Osborne
Principal