



8th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the start of the 2025/26 academic year. I trust you have had a wonderful summer and are feeling excited for the start of a new school year. I hope you will join me in extending a special welcome to our new Year 7 families as they join our special community. I have every confidence that our new students will flourish and truly enjoy their time here with us at Redden Court School.

The year ahead promises to be another busy and successful one, and we hope our students will make the most of all the opportunities available to them.

I start by sharing plans for our Open Evening this week. Open Evening is a highlight event in which we get to showcase our school to prospective parents for a September 2026 start. Some students have been asked to support in the evening by staff in different areas across the school. Open Evening this year will take place on Thursday, 11th September. On this day students will be dismissed at the earlier time of 11.30am to allow staff to prepare for the event. The timings of the day are as follows:

8.30 - 9.00	Form Time and Registration
9.00 - 10.00	Lesson 1
10.00 - 10.30	Lunch 1
10.30 - 11.30	Lesson 2
11.30	Dismiss

On the following day, Friday, 12th September, schools will start at a later time. Students are expected in school at 11.25am ready for the start of their P3 lesson at 11.30am. There will be only one lunch service on this day at 1.20pm.

Year 11: (current Year 12)

We are delighted with this year's examination results and the achievements of our outgoing Year 11 cohort. This special group of young people demonstrated incredible resilience, hard work and commitment, which resulted in outstanding results across the school.

Naturally, we are extremely proud and would like to congratulate them and their families for these achievements. We recognise that behind each success story there is a crucial network of family, friends and staff, and we applaud all those involved in the process.

On behalf of Redden Court School, I would like to congratulate Year 11 and wish them all the very best for the future. We are incredibly proud of what they have achieved. These results



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mark a fantastic year in the history of the school, to which they have made huge contributions. We trust that their achievements will inspire the next generation of students at Redden Court and we look forward to hearing all about their future successes. It is wonderful news that so many have gone on to their first-choice post-16 option.

Important Information

- The back pedestrian gate is open before and after school for students to use (the back gate will be locked daily at approximately 8.15am and reopen again at 3pm for students to leave).
- Our website contains all of our most current information and contact details.
- We currently plan to deliver Parents Evenings face-to-face in school for students in Years 7, 9, 10 and 11. The Year 8 Parents Evening will be delivered remotely.
- School Street Zone restrictions in Harold Wood remain in place. Please be reminded that the parking restrictions locally, including Cotswold Road, are between 8.15-9am and 2.30-3.30pm daily during term time.
- **Same-day Reflections** remain in place as part of our Behaviour Curriculum.
- For pastoral concerns, the first point of contact is the **Head of Year** for your child. Subject-based queries should go to the subject teacher. Please allow suitable time to receive a response from staff and understand that there is no expectation that they answer emails in the evenings, weekends, or holidays, although they may choose to do so.
- Please continue to refrain from dropping off non-emergency items for your child during the school day as these will not be accepted by Reception staff. This is to instil a sense of responsibility and ownership that your child should strive for during their secondary education and students who have not brought in correct equipment ready for learning will be issued with a reflection. We will, of course, continue to take in emergency items such as medication.

Head of Year Information

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Year 10	Mr Spence	spence@reddencourtcloud.co.uk
Year 11	Mrs Barclay	vbarclay@reddencourtcloud.co.uk

Staff Updates

We welcome several new faces to Redden Court School who we believe will be excellent additions to our school community. The new recruits are in response to a number of maternity covers, some expansion and some to replace leavers who have moved on to the next phase of their careers.





Our new recruits are detailed below and I trust you will make them feel welcome.

Teaching Staff:

- Miss Z Khaliq - Teacher of English
- Ms A Fitzgerald - Teacher of English
- Ms H Kumar - Teacher of Maths
- Ms S Whitlock - Teacher of Maths
- Ms J Hopley - Teacher of Science
- Mr R Ruthven - Teacher of Science
- Ms B McGee - Teacher of MFL
- Ms M McCormick - Teacher of Humanities
- Ms S Tahsin - Teacher of Art
- Mrs D Povey - Teacher of SEN
- Ms L Chu - Teacher of Food

Associate Staff:

- Mr T Harris - Lettings Officer
- Mr T Bremner - Cover Supervisor
- Ms S Schmidt - Student Development Assistant
- Mr J Ortiz - DT Technician
- Mr C Joseph - Site Staff
- Mr L Grech - Site Staff
- Miss K Lane - Exams Administrator Assistant

We are confident that our new additions will compliment our existing staff team and become valued members of our school.

We are also delighted that we have retained so many excellent staff, many of whom have gained promotion and will be operating in new roles.

Uniform

The appearance of our students has always been an integral part of the ethos of the school. The look of our school and our students carries a powerful message, and it is important that our students take pride in their appearance. **Uniform should be worn correctly at all times, including to and from school.** The uniform regulations are available on our website and in our printable planners for clarity and ease of reference. Please also ensure that all items of uniform and kit are clearly labelled with your child's name.

We have an excellent pre-loved uniform provision. Should you have uniform items that you no longer need, we would love to receive them so that we can make good use of them at school. Please arrange for them to be dropped into Student Services by your child.



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As per every start of term, there will be regular uniform checks for each year group, and we will monitor uniform throughout the year. Students in incorrect uniform will be asked to change, and incorrect items will be confiscated.

Phone Pouches

We would like to extend a huge thank you for your incredible support with the Phone Pouch scheme that we have implemented.

The mobile phone pouch system has been a great success, and we are already seeing the positive impact it's having on our school community. Students are more focused in lessons, engaging in more face-to-face conversations, and benefitting from a safer and more present school experience.

Your partnership in this new system is vital to its success, and we couldn't be more grateful. We look forward to seeing the continued benefits throughout the school year.

The original letter can be found here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1WS3D6Py91_eARr50I2PF8cj4LKcTmBif4xT5LLXvMfk/edit?usp=drive_link

A video of the pouches in action can be found here:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jPLMAH3fK83fIGY2epIP168iWIVe7tI4/view?usp=drive_link

Bus Stops

Please be reminded of our bus stop expectations at the end of the school day. The Rosslyn Avenue bus stop which heads towards Harold Wood Station will only be accessible by students in Years 7, 8 and 9 (KS3) between 3.00-3.15pm Tuesday to Friday. On Monday, the same restrictions are in place between 3.40 to 3.50pm. Students in Years 10 and 11 (KS4) will be directed to the bus stop opposite St Peter's Church, which is an approximate 3-minute walk away. Unfortunately, this bus stop is unable to cope after school without these imposed restrictions.

Road safety remains a key priority. Please support us by having conversations with your child about staying safe near roads to and from school, and as parents, please be considerate with how you make arrangements to pick up and drop off your child and reduce speed in school zones.

Personal Development

Our Personal Development Programme continues to be a key feature of our school. I was delighted with the ambitious and worthwhile programme we delivered last year, which took huge effort and commitment from many people. We are confident that we have an infrastructure in place to again nurture and provide our students with opportunities to





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develop themselves through a vast range of experiences. We are committed to delivering an outstanding programme again this year.

While we have a strong reputation for academic outcomes, we are equally committed to students pursuing interests that help them learn about themselves and the world around them. Our extensive extra-curricular offer is a huge part of this. There is something for everyone, so please encourage your child to participate in as many clubs as possible.

Site Improvements

Over the summer there has been lots of work on site. There have been a number of projects ongoing to improve the technology across the school, new electrics, improved security (CCTV), redecoration and refurbishment. We have also taken delivery of another new minibus with the help of Friends of Redden Court, thank you for supporting them to support us. We have also increased the capacity of our catering offer and work to improve our toilet facilities. There is new wall art in humanities, we have a brand new state of the art set up in our second Drama Studio, we have decorated throughout the main school building, introduced our new KS4 students to the Bunker, installed exam and fire drill signage across the school, created some new office space, increased seating for students during social time, finished furnishing in the new MFL block, planted shrubs in the front car park area, introduced our phone free initiative and taken delivery of a brand new catering pod which will enhance our lunch service. We remain committed to purposeful investment across the school to improve the experience for our community.

Catering Prices

From the 3rd September, there will be a necessary price adjustment to catering services provided by our catering contractor for students. This change is a direct result of a significant increase in the cost of catering supplies. To ensure we can continue to provide high-quality and nutritious meals, the price for our school catering will increase by 9.5%. We understand that this is a notable change. However, it is important to note that this adjustment brings the overall inflation for the catering contract in line with the average for its lifespan. Our catering contractors have applied very low price increases in previous years to minimise the impact on families, and this current adjustment is now required to sustain the quality of their service.

We remain committed to offering our students a diverse and healthy menu (please see the links below). Thank you for your continued understanding and support.

[Breakfast Menu](#)

[Lunch 1 Menu](#)

[Lunch 2 Menu](#)





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[3 Week Menu](#)



Upcoming Diary Dates

- 8th September to 3rd October: Year 7 Baseline Exams
- 10th September: Brentwood School Visit for select Year 10 Students
- 11th September: Open Evening (student early finish)
- 12th September: 11.25am start for all students
- 12th September: Year 7 and 11 School Photographs
- 15th September: School Productions Auditions
- 18th September: Year 11 Assembly by Anglo European
- 18th September: French Residential Parent Meeting
- 25th September: Year 11 Assembly by Becket Keys
- 25th September: Chromebook Collection Evening
- 29th September: Year 7 SEND Parent Coffee Session
- 30th September: Years 8 and 9 SEND Parent Coffee Session
- 30th September: KS4 Blue Pathway Expectations Parents Meeting
- 2nd October: Year 11 Assembly by Brentwood Ursuline
- 2nd October: Year 10 and 11 SEND Parent Coffee Session
- 4th October: Sporting Aptitude Testing Day
- 6th to 10th October: Year 10 French Residential Trip
- 9th October: Year 7 Meet the Form Tutor Meeting
- 10th October: Year 11 Group Photo
- 13th and 14th October: Flu Vaccinations
- 14th October: Year 10 SEND Parents Post 16 Presentation
- 15th October: Years 7 and 8 Streetwise Road Safety Workshop
- 16th October: Personal Development Day 1
- 17th October: Staff Development Day (no students to attend school)
- 20th to 24th October: Year 11 Holiday Enhancement Sessions

PARENTS EVENING DATES

Year 11 (face to face)	11th December 2025
Year 9 (face to face)	12th February 2026
Year 10 (face to face)	19th March 2026
Year 7 (face to face)	23rd April 2026
Year 8 (virtual)	11th June 2026



EXAM DATES

Year 7 Baseline Exams	8th September to 3rd October 2025
Year 11 PPE1	3rd to 21st November 2025
Year 9 Exams	5th to 30th January 2026
Year 11 PPE2	23rd February to 13th March 2026
Year 8 Exams	13th April to 1st May 2026
Year 11 Formal GCSE's	7th May to 25th June 2026
Year 10 Exams	15th June to 3rd July 2026

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS 2025/2026 (*Students do not attend school on these days*):

SDD1 - Monday, 1st September 2025

SDD2 - Tuesday, 2nd September 2025

SDD3 - Friday, 17th October 2025

SDD4 - Friday, 28th November 2025

SDD5 - Monday, 20th July 2026

2025/2026 HOLIDAY DATES

2 Weeks Autumn Half Term:	20th October to 31st October 2025
Christmas:	22nd December 2025 to 2nd January 2026
Spring Half Term:	16th February to 20th February 2026
Easter:	30th March to 10th April 2026
May Bank Holiday:	4th May 2026
Summer Half Term:	25th May to 29th May 2026
Last Day of Summer Term:	17th July 2026



Systems

Bromcom

We are thrilled to announce a significant change to our school's information management system. We will be moving to **Bromcom**, a new, all-in-one platform that will replace many of our current systems, including SIMS, Class Charts, DPR, SOCS (co-curricular), School Cloud, and many others. This exciting change will streamline communication and provide you with a more straightforward and comprehensive overview of your child's school life.

This move is driven by our commitment to improving how we share information and work in partnership with you. We understand that navigating multiple apps and websites can be cumbersome. Our move to Bromcom will bring everything you need into one accessible place.

MCAS - **Coming Soon**

At the heart of this change is the new **Bromcom Parent App (My Child at School)**. This powerful tool will become your single point of access for all school-related information. No more logging into different systems to track your child's progress, or book appointments. With the Bromcom Parent App, you'll be able to:

- *View your child's timetable and attendance records in real-time.*
- *Stay updated on your child's behaviour and achievements.*
- *Access academic reports and track their progress.*
- *Book parent-teacher evenings seamlessly.*
- *Receive important messages and announcements from the school.*
- *Keep track of co-curricular activities and sign-ups.*

A dedicated **Bromcom Student App** will also be available, empowering your child to take greater ownership of their learning by providing easy access to their timetable, homework, and school communications.

We will send out more details soon prior to official launch.

As with any new technology, there may be some initial challenges, and we appreciate your patience as we get everything up and running smoothly. We will be gradually rolling out new features to help everyone get comfortable with the system one step at a time. Each new update will be introduced and explained clearly, ensuring a smooth transition. We're excited about the long-term potential of Bromcom and believe it will be a fantastic resource for our community.

Learning Apps

Alongside Bromcom we have a range of specialised learning applications used across subjects which include Seneca, GCSE Pod, Sparx Maths and others. These will enable students



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to complete online homework/study tasks for which they will receive instant feedback and allow them to further develop subject knowledge outside of the classroom. These tools have proven to make a significant impact on our students' grades and they are something which students can work through independently even when tasks have not been set by a teacher.

Free School Meals and Eligibility

We are very aware that due to the cost of living crisis, the financial circumstances of a number of parents/carers may have changed, and your child may now be eligible for Free School Meals if you are receiving any of the following qualifying benefits:

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment Support Allowance
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (but NOT Working Tax Credit) and have an annual income of less than £16,190
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

The Government has also introduced the **pupil premium** and is using the number of children registered as eligible for free school meals as the basis for allocating extra funding to schools. There is, therefore, a benefit to your child and the school in registering your eligibility, even if you do not want your child/children to have a school meal.

You can check your eligibility by using the Eligibility Checking Service on the Havering website at the link below:

<https://www.havering.gov.uk/schools-education/school-support>

Your agreement to the use of this system means that, by using the information you provide to Havering, your eligibility can be checked for this application and on an ongoing basis to ensure that your eligibility has not changed.

We will not be given full details of the benefits you receive, only whether they qualify you for free school meals. All data is completely confidential.

If you need any assistance or would like to discuss this further, please contact your child's Head of Year or Mr Carter, by email or phone.



Students have made a great start to the term, and it has been wonderful to be back. They appear well-rested, eager to learn, and most importantly, happy to be back. On behalf of us all at Redden Court School, we thank you in advance for your ongoing support and look forward to working with you this year.

Yours sincerely,



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