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Dear Parents of Year 7,

Year 7 Academic Evening – Tuesday 18th October, 7pm

As part of our programme to help our students study effectively and make a smooth transition to Year 7, all boys in Year 7 will attend a 'How to Ace School' session with independent study mentor William Wadsworth on either Monday 17th October or Tuesday 18th October.

William's interest in advanced study techniques stemmed from his experience of studying Psychology at the University of Cambridge. Having spent days poring over his books to get the grades to go to university, he soon discovered that piling on the hours wasn't necessarily the path to success at degree level. He realised he needed to work smarter, not harder. A lecture on the science of how we learn information and move it into the long-term memory prompted him to read up on the science of memory, learn from experts in academic performance and start to refine his own study habits. Three years later, he graduated with a First.

William's sessions with our boys will take place during the school day and last an hour and a half. They will focus on developing an understanding of memory and training it to learn faster and remember more, staying organised and planning and prioritising work, and becoming an independent learner.

On Tuesday 18th October, we are holding a Year 7 Academic Evening in the Queen's Hall. The event, which starts at 7pm, will be hosted by the Head of Year 7, Bjorn Rose, who will discuss the significance of Year 7 within the boys' academic journey through RGS. William Wadsworth will then talk about his sessions with the boys and what you can do as parents to support them most effectively during their first year at the RGS.

We would be delighted to welcome you to the Academic Evening. Please note that space in the Queen's Hall is limited and this is an event for **parents only**. We will be sending out booking details later this week.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Yours sincerely,

James Eve
Director of Studies