

16 September 2021

Dear Parents

I am delighted to be able to write to you and introduce myself. I could be what is described as a "Bucks Boy" having done a tour around the county both academically and professionally.

As a schoolboy at Aylesbury Grammar, RGS were the rugby fixture that were THE team to beat and it is great to now be on the other side of the fixture (although I gather the standard of rugby has been elevated so much that AGS aren't on the fixture list anymore!).

My only time outside Bucks came studying Neuroscience at the University of Sheffield before returning to south Bucks as a Teacher of Biology at Dr Challoner's Grammar school. Here I taught both Biology and Chemistry to A Level and gained valuable experience in both academic and pastoral leadership.

My tour around the county took me to the leafy suburbs of north Bucks and for the past five years, I have been an Assistant Headteacher at The Royal Latin School.

It really is an honor to be part of a school that prides itself not only on academic rigor and its history, but also providing an all-round education with such an outstanding co-curricular provision.

I look forward to getting to know you over the next year.

Early finish

On Tuesday 21 September we have an Open Evening for prospective new pupils and their parents. To enable the school to prepare exhibitions and displays, there will be no lessons on Tuesday afternoon. Leave of absence will be from 1.20pm. A snack service will be available in the Restaurant until 2.00pm

Ashwood Travel (01, 02A, 02B, 02C) and the Chiltern Bus 683 will leave school at 1.40pm. All other buses will leave at normal time.

If pupils are staying at school in order to assist in departmental displays, they can do private study in the Restaurant. They will also be provided with a hot meal as a small thank you for their help. The meal should be ordered via the Head of Department they are assisting.

If you have a younger son and are interested in attending our Open Evening, details are on our website and tickets can be booked <u>here.</u>

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COVID-19

If your son has any of the <u>three main symptoms of COVID-19</u>, please keep him at home, book him a <u>PCR test</u> and keep us informed of the test date, the result and an expected return to school date. If he has a negative PCR result, he can return to school.

Thank you for your ongoing support with twice weekly testing at home using lateral flow device tests. We no longer require you to complete the on-line form with your son's result; please let us know of a positive result by email to <u>attendance@rgshw.com</u> and book a <u>PCR test</u> within two days.

Please note, you do not need to self-isolate following close contact with a confirmed positive case if you are fully vaccinated or are below the age of 18 years and 6 months.

Please use <u>attendance@rgshw.com</u> for all COVID-19 related notifications and for FAQ, please visit our website <u>here.</u>

Kind regards

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