

Friday, 16 September 2022



Le Rocquier School  
Learn, Respect and Succeed

Dear Parents and Carers.

Our mourning of HRH The Queen continued all week with our flags lowered, events explained in assemblies and form times, plus we have been showing the BBC News channel on our big screens in the canteen so students can see the ceremonies in London and around the UK. A reminder that we will be closed on Monday as it is now a bank holiday.

A reminder that students are not in school on October 21<sup>st</sup> and October 31<sup>st</sup>, plus all the days in between for half term.

Our social media channels have fallen silent during this time and would normally show how Year 7 and other Years have settled in. I am pleased to report that Year 7 have settled in amazingly well. They already seem very at home. I visit their lessons frequently and see them at breaks and lunch times and they are just so polite and chatty. A fantastic start to the year. Years 10 and 11 have settled into their GCSE courses and Year 11 worked with a UK company called 'Positively You' to help students understand the mindset needed to succeed at GCSE and beyond. Years 8 and 9 have grown so much over the holidays and look taller than some of Year 10 students. Amazing how the summer holidays have this effect.

Our new canteen furniture arrived today.



We hope that during half term the canteen can also be redecorated. As the school approaches 20 years of age, I am trying to prioritise a refurbishment of carpets, equipment and facilities. The canteen was still being rearranged, but the photo above shows the new furniture and the links to our school colours. The students did brilliantly to make the old ones last this long. In the background of the photos are our water bottle filling stations. Please send students to school with a reusable water bottle and they can refill it for free at these stations. Caring Cooks have also made a great start as our new caterers. They recognise that every day is a learning day for them at this stage. The queues at lunch and break have doubled in speed and today were cleared with 10 minutes left at the end of lunch. Their focus on healthy eating and very tasty menus is proving popular with the students I speak to.

Students sat Year 9 CAT tests yesterday and they went very well. Impressive amounts of concentration from the students. Progress tests for Year 7, 8 and 9 will be sat over the next 3 weeks. There is no preparation needed for any of these tests. The results help us understand the progress students make between Years 7 and 9.

Students are being informed about extra-curricular clubs, societies and sports teams. Sports fixtures have already started. A busy and vibrant term is ahead of us.

Have a peaceful long weekend.

Andrew Adkin

Head Teacher