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Ref: Changes to the Curriculum & School Day – October 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you of some exciting plans that we have regarding our school curriculum, and the school day for Monday 02<sup>nd</sup> October 2017.

As you will be aware, as part of Northern Education Trust it is my intention working with the staff, students, governors and you as parents to move Red House Academy to “outstanding” in all aspects of its provision and outcomes. I am confident that, by continuing to work together, we can achieve this.

In trying to achieve our goal, it is essential that we have a first-class curriculum in place that meets the needs and aspirations of our students and enables them to achieve their true potential.

In a move to further develop and enhance our curriculum offer to students, I am making a number of important changes to the curriculum and school day for October 2017 which I wanted to inform you of.

### **Curriculum review**

Our curriculum has been reviewed and a number of important changes are being made. Firstly, the timetable is being renewed to aid high quality teaching and learning and to positively impact upon student outcomes. Secondly Year 9 students will be beginning their GCSE curriculum. This includes both the core subjects and option subjects. Year 9 students have already been interviewed about their preferred pathway.

### **Changes to the academy day**

Importantly the start and end of the Academy day remains the same.

At 8.30am student will go direct to their first lesson. It is therefore essential that all students are on site and ready to learn by 8.25am at the very latest. This will allow for a more purposeful and productive start to the school day with lessons starting immediately in the morning

We will be moving registration/tutor group time to after lesson two and before the whole Academy break time. This will be followed by lesson three and then lunch. We will be operating one lunch time of 40 minutes in length.

Lunch will be followed by lesson four and five with the normal Academy day finishing at 2.40pm. Progress clubs and enrichment will be available to all students at 2.40pm.

8.30 – 9.30am	Period 1
9.30 – 10.30am	Period 2
10.30 – 10.45am	Reg/Tutor Time
10.45 – 11.00am	Break
11.00 – 12.00	Period 3
12.00 – 12.40pm	Lunch (all year groups)
12.40 – 1.40pm	Period 4
1.40 – 2.40pm	Period 5
2.40 – 3.40pm	End of normal Academy day and start of progress clubs/enrichment

Yours sincerely

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Mrs. Joan Kennedy

Principal