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Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the festive period, can I take the opportunity to thank you all for your support in assisting us to manage the COVID-19 challenges that we are faced with. The collective response from students, staff and parents has been incredible and we do not believe that it could have been managed any better.

Christmas Break

The Roundhill Academy will close for the Christmas Period at the end of the school day on **Thursday 17th December 2020**.

We re-open after the Christmas holiday on **Tuesday 5th January 2021**.

It will be **Week 2** of our timetable.

The timings of the school day will remain in place for the spring term.

Year 7 8.35am to 2.45pm

Year 8 8.40am to 2.50pm

Year 9 8.45am to 2.55pm

Year 10 8.50am to 3.00pm

Year 11 8.55am to 3.05pm

Please continue to support us to keep students safe and to allow for effective classroom learning with minimal disruption by ensuring that your child continues to follow the following expectations

- Time their arrival to school to be as close to the time for their year group as possible.
- To leave the school site and make a prompt journey home when their lesson finishes at the end of the day.
- To wear full uniform as stated in the school guidelines.
- To bring the full equipment that they need every day:
 - Black or blue pens, purple pen, pencil, rubber, ruler, calculator.
 - An apron from home for Art, Design and Food lessons to reduce the need for use of disposable ones.
- To come dressed in their PE kit on the days that they have PE to prevent the need for changing.
- Ensure they come to school with a suitable face covering and wear it around the communal areas of school.

Uniform

Thank you for your support in ensuring that the uniform standards at The Roundhill Academy are maintained. In full uniform, we believe our students are a real credit to the Academy.

Whilst the weather is cold and we need to maintain ventilation in classrooms by having windows open, we would encourage all students to be wearing a school jumper. If they don't have a school jumper, then we will allow them to wear a plain sweatshirt (not a hoodie) in the classroom until the weather improves.

We would like to remind you of the school policy around jewellery, make-up and hairstyles. In particular we have seen an increase in students coming to school wearing rings, necklaces and bracelets. Students are not permitted to wear these items in school.

JEWELLERY	Two small studs or earrings in plain gold or silver. One nose stud. Tongue and Belly piercings are not allowed on the grounds of Health and Safety.
MAKE-UP	KS3 – Make-up and nail varnish are not to be worn to school. KS4 – Girls are permitted to wear a natural look foundation and mascara. Only clear nail varnish is permitted on a natural nail for school.
HAIRSTYLES	No unnatural or extreme hairstyles or colour.

In the New Year, we will continue to ensure that our students are dressed correctly and prepared and ready for learning. Students will be held to account for not meeting our expectations.

Hamilton/Thurmaston Bus

A reminder to parents/carers that the Ausden Clark bus that provides transport to and from Hamilton, Thurmaston and Wreake Valley Academy will not be operational in the new year. The final day will be Thursday 17th December for The Roundhill Academy students.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for your continued support in making this a good school. It is only through working together that we give our students the opportunity to make the most from their education.

Yours Sincerely



Tim Marston
(Headteacher)