

Tuesday 3rd September

Dear Parent / Carer,

**TO ALL PARENTS / CARERS OF PUPILS IN  
YEAR 8-11**

I hope you all enjoyed a good summer break and are refreshed for the new year ahead!



2012/13 was an outstanding year for the school. We achieved our best ever results at Key Stage Three for the fourth year running, and just ten days ago we received the GCSE results for last year's Y11 which showed a massive increase of 19% in the number of pupils gaining 5 GCSEs at C or above, and that follows a 10% increase the previous year. The figure for 2013 is an impressive 73%! In fact, we made improvements in all major indicators, all but two pupils gained at least five GCSEs and no one left without qualifications. They were also the best ever results for the school for the second year running- a credit to students and staff. I am sure all pupils will work hard to ensure the success continues.

Over the summer we have completed a lot of work refurbishing parts of the school to make it a more pleasant learning environment as part of our ongoing programme, painting, fitting blinds, and replacing old classroom furniture. The refurbishment of the boys' toilets has been delayed but will go ahead later this month. We also have a new catering service as you know.

Parents, Governors, Staff, and most importantly, Pupils, are well aware now of the huge improvements we have seen at RCCS over the last four years, and I am most grateful for the encouragement and support you have given us. I would ask you to play your part in ensuring others are made aware of this, as our reputation is important to all of us. We know we are a good school, but most importantly we are an improving school. We know we can always do better, and that is our commitment to our community, to continue "making the difference."

If you have not already done so, please do have a look at our website [www.risca.org.uk](http://www.risca.org.uk), where you can also access links to Facebook, Twitter, and my weekly blog which is posted each Friday, probably the best way of keeping up to date with what's going on at the school

Yours sincerely,

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