

SIXTH FORM FOCUS

Your insight into Ruislip High School Sixth Form life

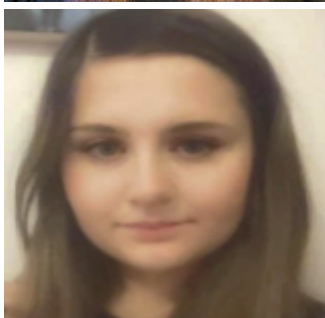
Meet the Student Leadership Team



Katerina R

Hi, I'm Katerina, the new Head of Year 7!

My favourite thing about Ruislip High School Sixth Form is the amount of support provided with dealing with life after sixth form and the help given from members of staff, from one on one meetings to weekly emails with useful information.



Abby C

My name is Abby. On the student leadership team I fulfill the role of Deputy Head of Year 7.

My favourite thing about Ruislip High School's Sixth Form is the fact that there is always support there when you need it from both the teachers and the students around the school.

Make sure you read the next edition to meet some more of the Student Leadership Team!

Christmas Foodbank Collection

The school's Student Leadership Team held a collection for the Hillingdon Foodbank in the last week of term before Christmas, with students from across the school bringing in donations of tinned food, dried foods, and toys. In total, the collection received over 100kg of donations, which helped to make the Christmas period that bit more enjoyable for some of the most vulnerable members of our local community. The school would like to thank all students, parents and guardians who helped to make this possible.

The event itself was organised by one of our Deputy Head Students, Lizzy, who had the following to say: "I have wanted to run a foodbank collection this Christmas ever since I was initially interviewed for my role. However, amidst the current Covid situation, there had been a large increase in homelessness and so I felt something needed to be done to help."

"The whole Student Leadership Team were fantastic in helping to get everything set up and in encouraging people to donate. We were amazed with how much food was donated and we are impressed that the whole school pulled together to help!" - Mr Amos



Brain Teasers

Can you work out the answers to these brain teasers?

You can find the answers on the next page.

Brain Teaser 12

A B C D E F G H I J K L M
N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

What five-letter word becomes shorter when you add two letters to it?

Brain Teaser 27



A red house is made from red bricks. A blue house is made from blue bricks. A yellow house is made from yellow bricks. What is a green house made from?

Applying For Medicine

Suakshi applied for medicine last year and is now studying at Imperial College London, she took the time to write about her experience of the application process, so if you're considering a degree in medicine, it's an excellent insight to what lies ahead.

Deciding to apply to study medicine was something that took a lot of time and careful consideration; it is a difficult subject that requires real commitment. As the deadline approached to make a final decision I found myself tied up between several career pathways. I re-focused myself towards medicine by taking lots of advice from my teachers, which helped me to realise I have a passion for studying human science and continuously learning throughout life. Medicine is a degree that allows me to do just that.

Next I had to decide which universities I wanted to apply to. The most important things to me when I was applying were course structure and content, location of the campus and the atmosphere of the university. I started by researching which universities were best for medicine and I made a list of possible options that would be suitable to my requirements. Due to COVID-19, I was unable to visit the universities, instead I read current and past student reviews about the universities I was interested in. My decision was also largely based on my choice to stay close to home and so I focused on universities in London, one being Imperial College London.

For a course such as medicine, there are several steps during the application process:

1. The first was writing a unique personal statement which would stand out in this competitive course.
2. I was required to take two different admissions tests (UCAT and BMAT). These required lots of revision in science, medicine, English language, maths and verbal and non-verbal reasoning. The scores from the tests determined whether or not I would be considered for a place.
3. As I was successful in the initial stages, the next step was to be invited for an interview. The key to preparing for these was to take part in as many mock interviews as possible. Many of these were arranged by the school and they were the most vital part of my success with the university interviews.

The interview with Imperial College London was a thirty minute Multiple Mini Interviews (MMI). It consisted of 35 pre-recorded questions by professors and lecturers from ICL, grouped together into different stations. I was asked to record a video response to each of the questions. This was not traditional in any way and almost felt slightly more relaxed than a normal interview. However, it also felt stressful as there was no interviewer to provide any indication if I was explaining myself properly or if I was even answering the questions as required! After submitting the video, the relief was beyond my expectations.

The most difficult part of the application was waiting to be processed and to hear back from the universities, especially because it can take up to several months. I was overjoyed when I eventually received an email from Imperial College London! It was one of my top preferences and I couldn't believe that ICL, a high ranking university, wanted me. Receiving the offer meant that everything I had done to prepare myself for the future was finally worth it. It will always be one of my most precious achievements.



If you are interested in studying medicine or a similar course take a look at these resources for more information to help you prepare for the application process.



'What makes a good doctor?'
video from Medical Schools
Council



Brain Teaser Answers

1. Short
2. Glass