

18th July 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians

**Re: Sixth Form End of Term update**

It seems extraordinary that the Year 12 students are already halfway through their time in the Sixth Form. They have also had an extraordinary year, achieving a huge amount and making excellent progress as mature young adults who are now the oldest students in the school, setting a strong example to the younger year groups.

The Year 12 students have accomplished a significant amount during this term. In an academic sense, they have put a lot of hard work into their Pre-Public Exams in June, with many students achieving outstanding results. This being the midpoint in students' courses, there is always plenty to work on to improve too, and I know that students will put in plenty of effort over the coming weeks to ensure that they are ready for Year 13 and their assessments in late September.

The students have also written some of the strongest first drafts of university personal statements that the school has seen. This is testament to the work they put into reading around their subjects, completing online courses and doing relevant work experience throughout Year 12, which has meant that they have plenty to write about in their statements. They now have the building blocks of outstanding applications. Form tutors have been giving feedback to students on their application drafts, and students should ensure they are using this feedback to improve their statements over the summer. Come September, students will have 1:1 support from their form tutor and a post-18 supervisor to help them complete their applications. Students who also wish to apply for apprenticeships will also have bespoke support with searching for apprenticeships and writing applications.

It has been a pleasure to see Year 12 take part so wholeheartedly in a range of events and activities this term. In the week beginning 24th June, the Student Leadership Team organised a highly successful RAG (Raising and Giving) week, which raised nearly £900 for the charities Mind and The Teenage Cancer Trust. The highlight for many students was of course the "splat the teacher" event! On Tuesday 2nd July, Year 12 students visited The University of Hertfordshire to find out more about choosing the right course and about student life. On Thursday 11th July, students were visited by trainers from TalktheTalk, who delivered an engaging day of activities designed to improve students' confidence in university, apprenticeship and job interviews in particular. The students were a credit to themselves on each of these days.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the whole Sixth Form team for their efforts in supporting the Year 12 students throughout the year. In particular, we wish Ms O'Neill (Head of Year 12) and Ms Carley (Learning Mentor) well as they move on to pastures new. I am delighted to announce that Mr Elsby will be Head of Year 13 next year, and Ms Kingscott will be the students' Assistant Head of Year.

I look forward to welcoming the students back for their final year at Ruislip High School on Wednesday 4th September at 8.15am. Should students be receiving AS-Level or BTEC results over the summer, they can attend school at 11am on Thursday 15th August to collect them. Should they be receiving GCSE resit results over the summer, they can attend school at 11am on Thursday 22nd August to collect them. Any uncollected results will be posted home.

Thank you as always for your support. I wish you a pleasant and restful summer.

Yours sincerely



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Head of Sixth Form