

RHS Values Champions:

Top 5 Attendance:

- C61 - 100%
- 7A - 96.67%
- C64 - 96.67%
- 7B - 96.67%
- 7W - 95.67%

(attendance calculated until 14/06/2024)

HoY Shout Out - Year 10:

I am so impressed with **Clementine, 10A**. Not only did she recently sit her Citizenship GCSE exams, Clementine is now working really hard for her dance assessments outside of school. Clementine performs 12 different types of dance and has to go through an exam for each of them. She has already brilliantly passed four of them and is training daily to pass the remaining exams.

Ms Lucas - Head of Year 10

Subject Shout Out - Drama:

Well done to **Jessica S in Year 10**, for showing great perseverance in her approach to exam work. Jess always gives everything a try and works very hard in all lessons.

Mr Randall - Curriculum Leader for Drama



A message from Mr Davies:

As it seems the summer has finally arrived, this also heralds the start of our summer activities programme and I am delighted that I plan to accompany the Year 7 students and teachers on the London Zoo trip next Friday. This is just one of the numerous trips and activities which are taking place over the coming weeks. I would like to appeal once more to parents/guardians regarding contributions which will allow these events to take place. Unfortunately, it does seem a number of the latter events planned for this month are under threat unless we can secure the funding in the coming days. I recognise the pressures on families in the current financial climate and am grateful to everyone who has already contributed. Details for all of the trips can be found on ParentPay.

I would like to say a particular thank you this week to the Friends of Ruislip High School who hosted the quiz night that is discussed below. It is great to see Ruislip High School yet again demonstrating how we genuinely are a school both in, and for, the community.

I trust parents find this bulletin an enjoyable read and would like to wish the whole Ruislip High community a restful weekend.

THE FRIENDS COMMUNITY QUIZ



On Friday 14th June, 2024, The Friends of Ruislip High School (our school's parent association), hosted a fantastic community quiz night for parents and staff in the Ruislip High School community.

The event, which took place in the school restaurant, featured a fun quiz - hosted by Ms Ohana - which covered a range of topics from food to musicals. Competition was fierce between the tables, but in the end it was Ms Loizou's team The Quizzy Rascals (groan) who took home the top prize - £100 cash!

That wasn't all for prizes at the event. The event also saw the Friends raffle draw take place, with the evening's top prize - a power drill kindly donated by Jessops - going to the parents of Ellis in Year 8, with the second prize of a £50 voucher for Browns' in Ruislip going to the parents of Harrison in Year 8.

Finally, just ahead of the final round of the quiz, everyone at the event also got to tuck in to a delicious meal provided by Aquarius in Ruislip Manor.



Image above: Some of the Friends team members and Ms Ohana

The evening was a huge success, with everyone leaving the event buzzing. We would like to thank the Friends for all of the hard work they put into organising the event and the raffle. The group is committed to bringing the Ruislip High community together and the event certainly achieved this goal. We are sure that it will be the first of many events to come.

Finally, thank you to all of the parents and staff who supported the event or who purchased raffle tickets. We are delighted that the event raised around £850, all of which will go towards the Friends Fund.

If you would like to join the Friends or support their work, the final Friends meeting of the academic year is being held on Monday 1st July at 5pm.

Please contact Ms Ohana via the school office to register your interest.

Year 7 Angling Club Trip

On Friday 14th June, some of our Year 7 students attended the inaugural trip for Ruislip High School Angling Club. A group of Year 7 students, accompanied by Mr. Maud and Ms. Hunter, took a risk on the volatile weather and headed to Northala Fields Fisheries. After a short briefing by the staff at the fishery, the students picked up their tackle and headed to the pegs. The clouds were looking menacing and the wind was whistling across the lakes, but the students were not perturbed as they marched up the path and started to set up. The volunteer guides talked them through their setups, four metre whips with a simple float rig, maggots as bait.

It wasn't long before they saw some action. Miles caught a nice Roach on his first cast. Other catches quickly followed, some small Golden Rudd and more Roach. Luis landed a nice sized Perch. The students on the north facing lakes faced more challenges as the wind blew directly into their faces but continued to land a flurry of Roach and Rudd. After just under an hour of frantic angling action it was time to pack up. Mother Nature was kind, the sun shone and the fish were biting.

On the short journey back to school the students were buzzing. They discussed their catches and lamented the fish they lost, what might have been! Needless to say they were all 'hooked'.

A huge thank you to Karl and the team of volunteers at Northala Fields for introducing several of our students to the art of angling. If you are interested in trying angling for the first time or looking for somewhere to practise your skills please check out <https://ghof.org.uk/> or contact Mr Maud at Ruislip High School.



Year 9 Theatre Trip: Stranger Things - The First Shadow

On Tuesday 11th June, a group of Year 9 students were lucky enough to go and see "Stranger Things: The First Shadow" at the Phoenix Theatre. The students were impeccably behaved and received compliments on their behaviour from members of the general public.

The performance was a fantastic one to see just before starting their GCSE course, as it was a perfect example of theatrical ingenuity and ambition, with students talking not merely about the acting, but all the technical and practical aspects of the production. The performance was so well put together that even Mr Randall and Miss Pennell were stumped by some of the theatrical illusions and were unable to answer students' questions!

The students were all buzzing after the performance, with all of them giving the show rave reviews. Nancy said "The stage production was incredible, it was so well thought out, the lighting was incredible and really added to the intensity of it."

Meanwhile, Jess said "It was intense! It was really fun. I can't wait for GCSE Drama!". This was supported by Nicole who stated: "It was an absolutely amazing experience. The actors were amazing but we could also pick out the techniques they were using and it was so good to see what we've been learning about on stage."

Thank you to the Drama Department for running another successful trip to the theatre.



Year 11 - Celebration Assembly

On Friday 14th June, the Year 11s celebrated the end of their GCSE exam season, with our traditional send off - a celebration assembly, led by Mr Sills.

Mr Sills congratulated the students on their perseverance and achievements, highlighting the incredible journey they have undertaken over the past five years. His choice of quote from *The Great Gatsby* focused on the choices Year 11 now have ahead of them and the potential opportunities they all have, so long as they focus on the positive. Mr Davies, Headteacher, also spoke about how proud he was of all of them, saying that what stood out about the year group was their resilience and ability to adapt in the face of adversity.

Following the assembly, the students partook in the much-anticipated tradition of shirt signing. There was laughter and smiles all round as students exchanged signatures and messages, creating lasting mementos of their time together. The shirts, now adorned with colourful messages and signatures, symbolised the unity that has developed among the students over the years.

To cap off the afternoon, everyone was treated to an ice-cream. It was a perfect way to celebrate the students' hard work and the end of an important chapter in their academic journey.

We are incredibly proud of our Year 11 students and their accomplishments. We hope all of them have a fantastic summer break. We look forward to seeing them on Thursday 22nd August for their GCSE Results Day.



Euros Themed Maths Challenge



Year 9 students at Ruislip High school took part in a live Euro Themed Maths Challenge event on Wednesday 12th June, 2024. The event was hosted by AMSP Maths and more than 30 teams took part across the country.

Ruislip High School demonstrated exceptional mathematical prowess - securing both the first and second positions. The competition, designed to test students' mathematical abilities through a series of challenging problems and puzzles, brought together bright young minds from various schools.

Participants were tasked with solving problems that required not only advanced mathematical skills but also an understanding of European themes, which added a unique twist to the traditional maths competition. The event aimed to enhance students' problem-solving abilities, teamwork, and application of mathematical concepts in diverse contexts.

Ruislip High School's teams excelled in the competition, showcasing their dedication and strong mathematical foundation. Their hard work paid off as they navigated through complex questions and collaborated effectively to secure top positions.

The achievement of Ruislip High School at the Euro-themed maths challenge serves as an inspiration to other students, emphasising the importance of perseverance, teamwork, and a passion for learning.

Ms Jani, who led the event said: "This is a very proud moment for the Maths department. I would like to congratulate each and every teacher and the students who took part in the challenge."

The students who came first in the challenge are:

1. Ray
2. Daniel
3. Lorcan
4. Iza

The students who came second are:

1. Lorena
2. Amelia
3. Mariam
4. Radha

HoY Update - Ms Lucas

As always, our Year 10 students continue to shine! Throughout this academic year it has been a privilege to be their Head of Year; I am constantly receiving positive feedback from their teachers about their hard-working attitudes, their polite behaviour and their excellent progress.

As we head into the end of term, Year 10 will get to enjoy a packed schedule of events. Next week's Geography trip is to Hengistbury Head in Dorset along the south coast of the UK. Students will spend the whole day at the beach taking measurements and gathering data to investigate their fieldwork enquiry questions as part of their GCSE course. Students are very excited to spend the day out with their classmates and are keeping their fingers crossed for nice weather!

Following this, on Wednesday 10th July, the Year 10s will be heading out on one of the Above & Beyond Month trips. There are four exciting trips: Up the O2; a Media Photography day; The Globe and Bletchley Park. We are sure whichever trip students are attending, they will have an enjoyable and fully enriching experience.

PE NEWS:

Year 7 Cricket Team Crowned Hillingdon Borough Champions

The Year 7 cricket team have been crowned Hillingdon Borough Champions after an exciting day of cricket at Eastcote Cricket Club.

In order to progress to the final, the team had to overcome both Harlington and Bishopshalt in the group stages. A dominant victory over Bishopshalt in the first match was set-up by a

brilliant hat-trick from Ethan H, and an excellent batting display from Niam P. The Year 7 cricket team have been crowned Hillingdon Borough Champions after an exciting day of cricket at Eastcote Cricket Club.

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We faced Northwood in the final, who had also won both of their group games. Batting first, RHS were able to amass a very impressive 70 from their 10 overs. However, Northwood looked on course to chase down our total at the halfway stage of the innings. An incredible over from Luca H changed the game, as he picked up two wickets in two balls. A further four wickets from Shaunav B allowed RHS to take control of the game and secure a first borough championship title.

Congratulations to all of the boys involved - you all displayed excellent sportsmanship throughout.



Tips for Keeping Your Child Safe Online

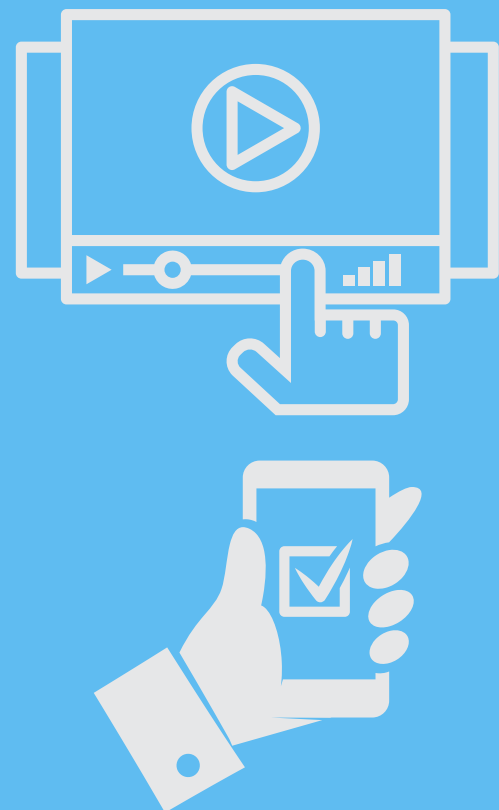
PIER (Policing Institute for the Eastern Region) have just finished a research project, looking into self-generated child sexual abuse material, on behalf of the Internet Watch Foundation.

'Self-generated' CSAM are images and videos which are taken by children and then shared either:

- willingly, usually with a boyfriend/girlfriend, or
- unwillingly, through coercion, or
- shared by a third party without their consent.

Just over 300 children took part in the research and talked about their experiences of growing up in a digital world, where they talk to their friends, game and do their schoolwork online. Many described receiving unwanted sexual images and some commented that it has become normalised and part of their lives. The apps they use, such as Snapchat and TikTok are also used by perpetrators to talk to children and groom them into sharing sexual images. This is a serious safeguarding issue, with wide-reaching consequences that we all need to learn more about.

PIER and IWF have written a blog post for parents about how they can better understand their children's online world and its risks. The blog post can be found here: <https://www.iwf.org.uk/news-media/blogs/tips-for-helping-children-stay-safe-online/>



Wake Up Wednesday

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about POP-UP ADS

Pop-up advertisements have been a staple of the internet since they were first introduced in the late 1990s. This form of advertising causes a small window or banner to appear in the foreground while someone is browsing a website. Although these adverts are merely irritating for most people, pop-ups can present more severe risks to younger users.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

DECEPTIVE TACTICS

Children sometimes don't understand that adverts (including pop-ups) are designed to sell a product – and can't distinguish between a legitimate feature of a site and an advertisement. Video games, for example, can be full of pop-up ads that tempt users into spending money, yet they might take the form of a mini-game or extra level.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While some adverts are targeted based on a user's interests and activity online, that isn't always the case. This means that children may unfortunately be exposed to ads for age-inappropriate goods or services such as tobacco products, alcohol and gambling sites.

MALWARE RISK

Most pop-ups from reputable advertisers are safe. However, in some cases, pop-ups can trick you into downloading malware – whereby cybercriminals install software on your device, allowing them to access your sensitive data. It can be difficult to know if malware has been installed on your device, so your best option is to avoid engaging with these pop-ups altogether. Be wary of sites that suddenly bombard you with ads or try to prevent you from leaving.

PRIVACY RISK

Many app and game developers will collect their users' personal data, such as their name, address, email address, geolocation information, unique numerical identifiers, photos and payment information. If a child clicks on an illegitimate pop-up faced with malware, all this information could be put at risk.

RACKING UP BILLS

If a child has access to a payment card on their device – be it a smartphone, laptop, or tablet – they could very quickly rack up a massive bill by interacting with pop-up adverts and buying products shown to them. Try to keep a close eye on their spending.

BEHAVIOURAL IMPACT

Research has found that pop-up ads can even have an impact on children's behaviour. Some of these adverts use manipulative tactics that take advantage of children's developmental vulnerabilities, intentionally or otherwise. This approach may cause a child's mood to shift: becoming more stubborn, for example, if they begin wanting their parents to buy a specific product for them.

Advice for Parents & Educators

START A CONVERSATION

It's important to have regular conversations with children about online advertising so that they understand the risks of interacting with pop-ups. For example, if a child asks for a product which has been advertised to them online, ask them why they want it and how they found it: this will present an opportunity to talk youngsters through the tactics used in online marketing.

SPOT THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that a child may be following pop-up ads to make online purchases or viewing content that could be harmful, it's important to be able to spot the signs. Due to the often-manipulative nature of these adverts, children who interact with them regularly may show signs of distraction, stubbornness and an increasingly materialistic worldview.

MONITOR CONTENT

It can often be difficult to spot when a pop-up advert is malicious – even more so for impressionable younger users. It's important to monitor the content they're consuming to prevent them from clicking on something dangerous. If a pop-up ad seems too good to be true – promising a free iPad, for example – it probably is.

PRIVACY SETTINGS

Most modern devices have privacy settings that let you limit the amount of advertising a child is subjected to while using apps or browsing the internet. You may also want to speak to teachers about avoiding sites and apps with advertising, as well as adjusting digital privacy settings on any education technology they use.

LIMIT SPENDING

Try to stay aware of what children are spending and ensure that payment details aren't linked to or saved on the gaming platform that they use. Most video games and internet-enabled devices have settings that can help you manage what children can or cannot purchase online.

CUT DOWN ON SCREEN TIME

Given the prevalence of pop-up ads (which can appear on everything from smartphones and tablets to internet-connected toys and games), it might be beneficial to limit the time children spend on digital devices to curb their exposure to digital advertising.

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Notices:

Key Dates:

Saturday 22nd June 2024
Family Angling Trip

Monday 24th and
Wednesday 26th June
Year 10 Geography Trips

Wednesday 26th June 2024
Year 13 Leavers' Assembly

Wednesday 26th June 2024
Year 13 Prom

Thursday 27th June 2024
Year 11 Prom

Friday 28th June 2024
Above & Beyond Month -
Year 7 Trip Day

Friday 28th June 2024
Above & Beyond Month -
Year 12 Post-18 Options Day

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14/06/24
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Letter
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Letter
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Year 12 - Extra Careers
Opportunities Letter
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Sixth Form Induction Day
Letter
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FRIENDS of Ruislip High School

The Friends of Ruislip High School will be hosting a pre-loved uniform sale on Tuesday 2nd July for our new Year 6 parents. However, our second-hand uniform stock is running low.

As we approach the end of the school year, if you have any Ruislip High School uniform, which is still in a good, clean condition and you wish to donate it, please drop it off at our school office by Friday 28th June, 2024.

Thank you in advance for your support. All money raised from future uniform sales goes towards the 'Friends' Fund', which supports a range of student and school community projects.

SCHOOL UNIFORM DONATIONS NEEDED!

for our secondhand uniform sale

Please drop at the school office

WE NEED:
 Blazers, ties, shirts,
 trousers, skirts, jumpers,
 all branded PE items,
 football boots,
 PE trainers

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