

27th May 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians

I am writing following another busy half term. Students sitting external examinations are now well underway and we continue to be impressed with how students are applying and conducting themselves during the examination period. There are a number of revision sessions running for both GCSE and A Level students during the half-term break and I would like to thank teachers for using their holiday time to continue to support students. I would like to remind parents and guardians that, after half term, students in Years 11 and 13 are expected at school for their examinations and for compulsory revision sessions. Revision rooms are always available for Year 11 and revision areas for Year 13. Students in Year 10 have their second Citizenship examination on Tuesday 14th June 2022 and should be in school by 8.50am as usual to attend revision before their afternoon examination.

### Year 9 - Key Stage 4 options

Following the Year 9 options evening, students expressed their preferences for their GCSE option subjects at the end of last term. Ms Horton, Assistant Headteacher, has been working with Mr Elsby, Head of Year 9, and the vast majority of students have been allocated their courses of choice. Conversations with individual students will continue to take place in the first week back after half term, to ensure all students will be studying the subjects that will allow them to fulfil their potential. Confirmation of students' course allocations will be released to parents and students after the half-term break.

### Homework and parent feedback

The research is clear that homework has a positive impact on students' progress. We are keen to review the homework provision at the school, particularly following the periods of remote learning due to the pandemic. Please click [here](#) to complete a short survey to share your views on homework provision. Students are also being asked for feedback via the year team council meetings.

I would also like to share with parents/guardians the Parent View survey (click [here](#)) which provides an opportunity for parents and guardians to share your thoughts on the school with Ofsted. This link is always shared by schools before an Ofsted visit, but it can be completed at any time and provides useful feedback both for Ofsted and for school leaders.

### Coffee Morning Thursday 26th May 2022

It was delightful to welcome parents and guardians to the school yesterday as part of a coffee morning organised by Mrs Ware, SENCO. I know parents/guardians appreciated the opportunity to tour the new learning support faculty facilities and to speak to students, and it was also a fantastic opportunity to welcome parents/guardians into the school once again.

### Wednesday 22nd June 2022 - early finish and Year 7 parents' evening

I would like to remind families that Year 7 parents' evening will take place remotely on Wednesday 22nd June 2022; more information about the evening will be shared after the half-term break. In order to allow teachers, many of whom teach multiple Year 7 classes, to meet with as many parents and guardians as possible during the

event, the school will close for students after period 4 on that date. Students in Years 9, 10 and 12 will finish at 1.10pm, although they are able to buy lunch should they wish to do so, and students in Years 7 and 8 will finish at 1.45pm. Year 12 students who have a lesson at Vyners School period 5 should attend this as usual. Should parents/guardians require your child to stay until their usual finish time on that day, please email [office@ruisliphigh.org.uk](mailto:office@ruisliphigh.org.uk) for the attention of your child's Head of Year.

### Changes to break and lunch time for Year 9 and Year 10 students

After the half-term break, students in Year 9 will move to the second break and second lunch timetable, in order to enable all year groups to have more space during social times.

The Year 9 start and end time will remain the same. Year 9 will continue to have their lunch in the atrium area whilst Year 10 will move to the restaurant area.

The Year 9 timetable from Monday 6th June 2022 will therefore run as follows:

Year 9	
Tutor	08:25
Period 1	08:50
Period 2	09:50
Break	10:50
Period 3	11:10
Period 4	12:10
Lunch	13:10
Period 5	13:45
Leave at	14:45

### Safeguarding

I have been asked to share with families an information sheet regarding cannabis edibles (click [here](#)). This has been shared with all local Headteachers as there is a rise in the number of young people using edible cannabis products. The link explains what these are, the signs of edible use, the dangers, and what to do if edibles have been consumed.

### Information for all settings to celebrate 'Thank a Teacher Day'

I know it was yesterday, but should parents/guardians wish to take part in the DfE's 'Thank a Teacher Day', to thank a member of school staff, please click [here](#) to send a free, personalised card.

Finally, I would like to wish all of our families a restful half-term break and I hope the sun shines, particularly over the jubilee weekend. I look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 6th June 2022.

Yours sincerely



Gareth Davies  
Headteacher

**Key dates for next half term (please note some dates may be subject to change)**

- Monday 6th June 2022: Half term begins
- Tuesday 7th June 2022: Parent Voice meeting - 6pm - 7pm
- Thursday 9th June 2022: Year 7 PGL trip meeting - 5:30pm - 6:30pm
- Wednesday 15th June 2022 - Saturday 18th June 2022: Year 12 Geography trip
- Saturday 18th June 2022 - Sunday 19th June 2022: Duke of Edinburgh assessed Bronze expedition
- Monday 20th June 2022 - Friday 24th June 2022: Equalities week
- Wednesday 22nd June 2022: Year 7 parents' evening and early finish
- Friday 24th June 2022: Diversity day
- Monday 27th June 2022 - Wednesday 29th June 2022: Year 12 PPEs
- Tuesday 28th June 2022: Sixth form induction day
- Wednesday 29th June 2022: Year group photos
- Thursday 30th June 2022: Year 10 mock interview day
- Thursday 30th June 2022: Year 11 Prom
- Friday 1st July 2022 - Sunday 3rd July 2022: Duke of Edinburgh assessed silver expedition
- Monday 4th July 2022 - Friday 8th July 2022: Activities week
- Monday 4th July 2022 - Wednesday 6th July 2022: Year 7 PGL trip
- Tuesday 5th July 2022 - Sunday 10th July 2022: Duke of Edinburgh pre-assessed Gold expedition
- Tuesday 5th July 2022: Year 6 Transition day
- Thursday 7th July 2022: Year 12 post-18 applications
- Friday 8th July 2022: Reward trip
- Monday 11th July 2022 - Friday 15th July 2022: Rag week
- Monday 11th July 2022: Science magic show
- Wednesday 13th July 2022: Summer arts evening - 4:30pm - 7pm
- Thursday 14th July 2022: Vanguard Learning Trust Debating Competition
- Monday 18th July 2022: Sports day
- Thursday 21st July 2022: Term ends (leave time from 12pm-12:30pm)