

6th May 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians

One of my favourite activities as Headteacher is visiting lessons and seeing students learning and positively contributing to lessons. Over the past two weeks the senior team and I have particularly been looking at student books and it is lovely to see the real sense of pride the vast majority of students take in their work. It has been disappointing to find a small minority of students not taking the time to ensure that minimum expectations, such as the underlining of titles, are in place, and I would encourage parents/guardians to talk through what your child has been learning in their subjects and check the level of pride they are exhibiting in their work.

### Examinations summer 2022

The examination period has begun, with Year 11 students sitting their French and Spanish speaking examinations from this week and Year 11 PE and BTEC Sport students completing their practical requirements. The season begins in earnest from Monday 16th May 2022 and I know that students preparing for external qualifications are working incredibly hard towards their examinations, and I would like to thank parents/guardians for their support for both students and staff during this time.

### Duke of Edinburgh

I am incredibly proud that Ruislip High School is one of the few local schools offering the Duke of Edinburgh award at Bronze, Silver and Gold level. Last weekend saw the Year 10 Silver Duke of Edinburgh expedition, and I was particularly pleased to receive feedback from the external company we work with, who commented that students *'were all very well-mannered and polite. They all had a positive attitude and kept smiling throughout, even when they were clearly tired after their first ever expedition carrying all their equipment for the three days'*. It is always lovely to see the dedication and resilience of our students recognised by others and I would like to thank all of the students involved and Mrs Hunter, Ms Flynn and Ms Vora who accompanied the students on the trip last weekend.

### RAF Northolt

A group of Year 9 students visited RAF Northolt yesterday and enjoyed an exceptionally positive day which focused on inspiring girls to consider careers that have been historically male-dominated. It is fantastic to make links with RAF Northolt, which offers superb opportunities for our students, and the trip did not just include inspiring sessions but also an impromptu rendition of Happy Birthday by the RAF band for one of our students. I would like to thank Ms Hide for leading the trip.

### Activities week

I am excited to share with parents/guardians that the school's activities week will return this year, running from Monday 4th to Thursday 7th July 2022, with the reward trip taking place on Friday 8th July 2022. The full programme will be shared with parents/guardians and students once it is finalised. In order to run a full programme of activities, the school has already begun to invest in outside companies, such as booking coach travel and theatre tickets. However, these events do incur financial cost that, without parental contributions, cannot take place. I am aware that we are currently experiencing challenging economic times and, should

parents/guardians have concerns about the cost of any activities, please contact Mrs Ohana, Assistant Headteacher, via the main school office.

### Reading app

I am delighted to share with parents/guardians that students at Ruislip High School are able to access Sora, the student reading app which provides free access to eBooks and audiobooks. To access the library, students can click [here](#), select Ruislip High School, and use the same email and password as used in school. There is also an app that students can download and I would like to thank Mrs Austen, LRC Manager, who would be pleased to hear feedback from students and parents/guardians about the program.

Finally, I hope the weather continues to improve and I wish all of our community a sunny weekend.

Yours sincerely



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