

13th December 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians

I was fortunate enough to attend this week's winter concert at the school that showcased the incredible musical skills of our students. Students and staff performed a range of pieces from a wide variety of genres, and really showcased the strength of expressive arts in the school. I would like to thank Ms Nastou, Curriculum Leader for Music, as well as the performers and the parents and members of the community who attended and supported the event.

On the same evening, we also hosted our annual Sixth Form community event, which saw our Sixth Form students host a buffet and quiz for senior citizens from our local community. It was a delight to talk to these visitors and I felt very proud all evening as we demonstrated once more that we truly are a school both in, and for, the community.

Parent surveys

At Ruislip High School, we are committed in fostering a strong partnership between home and school. In such a partnership, it is always important to listen to feedback and to this end, we have created a short survey for parents to complete regarding your experiences with the school. We have also created a similar survey for students which was shared recently on Google Classroom. Please click [here](#) for the parent survey.

Staffing and timetable changes in January

Next week will see us say goodbye to Mr Karimi, Psychology Lead Practitioner, who is leaving after over nine years at the school and Mr Maud, History Lead Practitioner, who is also leaving after nine years. Mr Karimi is pursuing an alternative career outside of teaching, while Mr Maud is relocating to the North of England, and they will be very much missed by the school community. I am pleased to say we have made some strong replacement appointments and I shall introduce those staff in the New Year. This does also mean that there will be changes to timetables in January and students will receive updated timetables in tutorial on the first day of the new term, Tuesday 7th January 2025.

Christmas card competition

I felt very festive as I judged this year's Christmas card competition, particularly as the standard of entries was impressive. I am pleased to share that the Christmas card winners this year are Tommy (8D), Karuna (8B) and Emma (8B). Please click [here](#) to see the winning entries.

Christmas lunch arrangements - Wednesday 18th December 2024

I am delighted to confirm that the school Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 18th December 2024. Our catering team will once again be offering a festive meal of turkey and all the trimmings. There will also be a vegan Wellington option. The cost of the meal (main plus pudding) for students is £2.93.

Safety notice from the London Fire Brigade

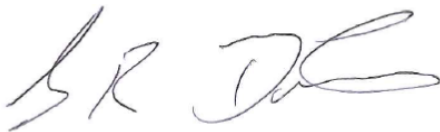
I have been asked by the local authority to share with parents some important information around the potential dangers of E-Bikes and E-Scooters as we approach the Christmas period. The London Fire Brigade are undertaking some [awareness-raising activities](#) around fire hazards associated with charging E-Bikes and E-Scooters. You can get a sense of the severity of the fires in [this](#) 30-second video and read [this](#) document which explains how to reduce the fire risks of E-Scooters and E-Bikes.

Newsletters

I am delighted to share the Trust special edition newsletter [here](#). The Ruislip High School winter newsletter will be shared with parents and guardians next week.

Finally, as the Parent Bulletin will be published next week, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members of the school community a restful festive period when it arrives and I look forward to welcoming back our students on the first day of the new term: Tuesday 7th January 2025.

Yours sincerely



Gareth Davies
Headteacher

Key dates for next half term

- Monday 6th January 2025: INSET day
- Tuesday 7th January 2025: Term begins
- Tuesday 7th January 2025: Year 12 & 13 theatre trip - 5pm - 11:30pm
- Friday 10th January - Friday 17th January 2025: Year 13 PPEs
- Wednesday 15th January 2025: Year 9 West End matinee trip - 12pm - 7pm
- Monday 20th January 2025: Year 11 history & drama theatre trip - 5:30pm - 10:15pm
- Tuesday 21st January 2025: Year 11 history & drama theatre trip - 5:30pm - 10:15pm
- Wednesday 22nd January 2025: VLT Spelling Bee - 1pm - 3pm
- Thursday 23rd January 2025: Year 11 parents' evening - 4:30pm - 7pm
- Tuesday 28th January 2025: Parent Voice meeting (in person) - 6pm - 7pm
- Wednesday 29th January 2025: Year 9 West End theatre trip - 12pm - 7pm
- Wednesday 29th January 2025: GCSE music recital - 5:30pm - 6:30pm
- Monday 3rd February - Friday 28th February 2025: LGBTQ+ history month
- Monday 3rd February - Friday 7th February 2025 - Thank you week
- Monday 3rd February - Thursday 6th February 2025 - GCSE music exams
- Thursday 6th February 2025 - Year 13 PPE results day
- Monday 10th February - Friday 14th February 2025: Safer internet week
- Monday 10th February 2025: Year 11 & 13 art trip
- Wednesday 12th February 2025: Year 12 Access Project trip
- Thursday 13th February 2025: Year 12 parents' evening
- Friday 14th February 2025: Berlin trip leaves
- Friday 14th February 2025: Half term ends
- Monday 17th February 2025: Berlin trip returns