

14th June 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians

It has been a busy fortnight at Ruislip High School and I was delighted to hear that students who took part in the Duke of Edinburgh expedition last weekend represented themselves and the school so positively. The Mountain Leaders made the point of letting us know that the students 'had a great attitude, great behaviour, were respectful and lovely to work with'. I would also like to thank Ms Hunter and her team for organising and taking part in the expedition.

Examinations and celebrations

This afternoon saw the last full-cohort Year 11 examination which was followed by what is now a well-established tradition of shirt signing and a celebration of the end of students' Year 11 journey with a special assembly led by Mr Sills, Head of Year 11. The examination period is always challenging for students and I know I speak for all staff when I say how proud we are of how they have approached their studies and their examinations. As parents and guardians are aware, there have been two tragic student deaths earlier this year and the Year 11s have shown remarkable resilience and maturity during this challenging period.

I always say that at Ruislip High School we say goodbye in the right way and whilst, of course, the vast majority of Year 11 students will be returning to our sixth form, today has been a chance to reflect on and celebrate all they have achieved during their time at Ruislip High School.

There are still examinations next week and Year 13 have their final assembly on Wednesday 26th June 2024, followed by their prom that evening. Year 11 will celebrate at their prom on Thursday 27th June 2024. I know staff and students are looking forward to these events and to celebrating students' success at the results days in August.

Upcoming activities

As parents and guardians are aware, following feedback we have spread out what is our usual Activities Week into a range of trips and activities over the coming weeks. I firmly believe in the importance of these enriching extra-curricular opportunities but these activities can only run if we receive sufficient contributions and currently there are a number of activities that we may not be able to run. I would urge parents and guardians to log into ParentPay to give consent and pay for your child's activities should you not already have done so. This is particularly the case where your child has chosen a trip or activity that is very popular and has a waiting list, such as the Year 10 trip to climb the O2. Should it be the case that payment has not been received for a student by the deadline of Friday 21st June 2024, we will have to offer their place to a student on the waiting list.

National Thank a Teacher Day

Wednesday 19th June 2024 is National Thank a Teacher Day. I know that I am privileged to lead a school that has the continued support of the community and staff always appreciate an extra thank you. Should you wish to thank a member of staff to mark this day, please click [here](#) to complete the short google form.

Finally, I would like to wish Eid Mubarak to all members of our community who celebrate.

Yours sincerely



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