

19th July 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians

As we reach the end of another academic year at Ruislip High School, I would like to start by thanking parents and guardians for all of your support over the past year. The past few weeks have seen students continue to show excellent attitudes to learning, right up until our final day today, as well as an ambitious range of activities and trips taking place over the past few weeks. Our students have continued to embody our school values whether it be a 'normal' school day, Sports Day or trips to places both locally and further afield, and I am incredibly proud to lead such a thriving and successful school. Full details of the activities can be found in our summer term newsletter which will be shared separately.

Summer results days

I am looking forward to celebrating the success of our students who have sat external examinations this year in August, with results for A Levels and Level 3 vocational qualifications on Thursday 15th August 2024, and for GCSE and Level 2 vocational qualifications on Thursday 22nd August 2024. Parents/guardians have received separate letters regarding the arrangements for collecting examination results from Mr Peacock, Head of Sixth Form, and I have been asked to share with you the following letter from Ofqual which includes frequently asked questions about examination results (click [here](#)).

Changes to staffing

At the end of this academic year we are saying goodbye to a number of staff who are leaving Ruislip High School for new opportunities. A particular strength of the school considering our location in the west of London is just how long staff remain here. I remain incredibly proud of the fact that there are a number of staff at the school who have been here since the school first opened its doors in September 2006. Professional development is also a key mantra of the school and I believe our students benefit from our staff continuing to stretch and challenge themselves as practitioners. This does mean that at times it is right for our staff to leave to pursue their professional goals and I am so proud of the fact that Ms O'Neill, Teacher of Government and Politics/Head of Year 12, is leaving to become Deputy Headteacher at a school in Dubai, a position I have no doubt she will excel in. I also need to share with the community that Dr Hill, Senior Deputy Headteacher, is leaving to become Headteacher of Christ's College Finchley. There is no doubt that Dr Hill will be a huge loss to our community but I believe passionately that talented school leaders have a moral imperative to become headteachers and our loss will be Christ College Finchley's gain. Finally, Ms Nurmohamed, TA, is retiring after seventeen years of service at the school. I would like to thank them all and wish them all the best for the future. I would also like to reassure parents/guardians that I believe we have made some excellent appointments for September and, although we are sad that staff are moving on, I have no doubt our replacement staff will continue to respect the legacy they inherit and drive Ruislip High School to yet more success in the years to come.

September 2024

School opens for staff on Monday 2nd September 2024 and I look forward to welcoming back students, who have a staggered return as detailed below.

Wednesday 4th September 2024

Students starting Year 7 in September will start on Wednesday 4th September 2024 at 8.30am. Students will be dismissed at 3.00pm.

Students starting Year 12 and 13 in September will start on Wednesday 4th September 2024 at 8.30am. Students will be dismissed at 12.25pm.

Students starting Year 11 in September will start on Wednesday 4th September 2024 at 2.00pm (doors will open at 1.45pm). Students will be dismissed at 3.00pm.

Students starting Year 8, 9 and 10 in September do not return until Thursday 5th September 2024.

Thursday 5th September 2024

All year groups will attend at 8.30am and will be dismissed at 3.00pm.

Safeguarding

As we now begin the summer holiday, I would like to remind families of the importance of keeping safe over the holiday period. There is a wealth of information including resources and useful contacts on our website (click [here](#)). I have also been asked by the local authority to bring to your attention that there has been an adult male posing as a child, wearing school uniform, and contacting girls via Snapchat. Police are aware and I would urge parents/guardians to speak to your child about the importance of staying safe online. There is useful information and resources available from Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) (click [here](#)).

I would also like to share this information (click [here](#)) which details places where children can eat for free, or reduced costs, over the summer break.

Friends of Ruislip High School

As we come to the end of another school year the Friends of Ruislip High School would also like to thank parents and guardians for all of your support. Your generosity has helped us raise hundreds of pounds all of which will be invested back into the school to make a significant difference in providing our children with a more enriching educational experience.

Over the past 12 months, the Friends have managed to support the school and our community in many ways including:

- Pre-loved uniform sales
- Litter picking in the local area
- Providing attendance award prizes
- Food bank collection
- Parents & staff quiz night

- Provided donations for the Year 11 and Year 13 proms
- Supporting the student reward scheme
- Providing sports equipment for lunchtime activities

The Friends also have a number of events planned for the coming academic year; more details will follow nearer the time.

The Friends are a small, friendly group of parents who work hard to try and raise funds for our students and we are always looking for new members. You can commit to as much or as little time as you can. If you would like to join us please email the school office at office@ruisliphigh.org.uk and we will be in touch. I would also like to acknowledge the parent voice group who meet with me on a half-termly basis and act as an invaluable sounding board to the views of parents in our school community. Should you wish to join the parent voice mailing list, please do contact the school on the office email address, marking your request for the attention of Ms Beasley.

Finally, I would like to again thank the parent community for their unwavering support which means so much to me and the Ruislip High School staff. I wish all members of the Ruislip High School community a lovely summer and I look forward to welcoming the students back in September.

Yours sincerely



Gareth Davies
Headteacher

Key dates for next half term

Wednesday 4th September 2024: Year 7 students to arrive between 8:10am - 8:25am and go to the assembly hall
Wednesday 4th September 2024: Year 12 & 13 students to arrive at 8:25am and go to tutor rooms
Wednesday 4th September 2024: Year 11 students to arrive at 1:45pm and go to tutor rooms
Thursday 5th September 2024: Normal day for all students
Thursday 12th September 2024: School photos for Year 7, 10, 11 & 12
Thursday 12th September 2024: Year 12 success in the sixth form evening
Monday 16th September 2024: Success in Year 13 evening
Monday 23rd September 2024: Bronze Duke of Edinburgh information evening
Thursday 26th September 2024 - Year 6 open evening - 4:30pm-7:30pm
Friday 27th September 2024: Late start 11:25am
Monday 30th September - Friday 4th October 2024: Year 12 & 13 assessment week
Tuesday 1st October - Friday 25th October: Black history month
Tuesday 1st October 2024: Parent Voice meeting
Monday 7th October - Friday 18th October 2024: Year 11 assessments
Tuesday 8th October 2024: Year 11 history trip
Wednesday 9th October 2024: VLT maths challenge
Thursday 10th October 2024: Year 11 history trip
Monday 14th October - Friday 18th October 2024: Safeguarding week
Tuesday 15th October 2024: ACS STEAM trip
Wednesday 16th October 2024: Year 11, 12 & 13 theatre trip - 5pm - 11pm
Thursday 17th October 2024: Year 9 parents' evening
Tuesday 22nd October 2024: Year 12 universities trip
Thursday 24th October 2024: Year 10 & 11 Barcelona trip leaves
Thursday 24th October 2024: Year 7 tutor evening
Sunday 27th October 2024: Year 10 & 11 Barcelona trip returns
Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November 2024: Half term