

7th March 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians

It has been another busy week at Ruislip High School with a number of events taking place within the school and beyond. Last week also saw Year 9 options evening, which I wrote about in last week's Parent Bulletin, and I know Year 9 students are carefully considering their option preferences. I would like to remind parents/guardians that the options booklet and further information are available on our website (click [here](#)).

New Management Information System

I would like to remind parents/guardians that the school will be moving to a new management information system (MIS) after Easter. This will mean that, along with all schools within the Vanguard Learning Trust, we will be moving away from the company SIMS to a new provider, Arbor. The primary reason for this is that Arbor is a far superior cloud-based product allowing each school, and the Trust as a whole, to manage data and information more effectively and efficiently. I also believe there will be real benefits for parents and for home-school communication. We are preparing a parent information guide, which I will share shortly, outlining the key changes and how we will support parents/guardians.

Languages Week

Ruislip High School's Languages Week returned last week, showcasing the abundance of global languages within our school community. For the first time our Trust partners, Vyners School, also participated, uniting both schools in a mutual exploration of languages. The week's events, organised by Ms Matias, Curriculum Leader of MFL, and the MFL team, went beyond a simple celebration, offering students immersive and practical experiences. From inspiring talks to captivating French and Spanish plays and film screenings, the week offered a diverse array of activities.

On Friday, Year 9 participated in the Languages Breakfast, enthusiastically practising their language skills to order delicious continental food while sporting festive sombreros and berets. This interactive event, with a cultural flair, provided a memorable lesson in communication and customs. Beyond the special events, a cross-curricular approach meant students had their normal lessons with languages integrated, highlighting the power and relevance of language learning across all subjects.

World Book Day - Thursday 6th March 2025

This year's World Book Day took place yesterday and I was pleased to see the digital signage around the school highlighting to students the books staff are currently reading. Reading is undoubtedly the gateway skill that makes other learning possible and I think it is vitally important that our students see that reading is not only tremendously important to their education, but also enriches their future lives.

Student Leadership

Following a very competitive set of Student Leadership Team applications (where almost half of the Year 12 students applied for a position), the 2025-2026 Student Leadership Team is now in the process of being finalised. We are delighted to announce that the team will be led by Amber Murray (Head Student), Pearl Patel (Deputy

Head Student) and Ethan Waters(Deputy Head Student). The Student Leadership Team's responsibilities will include mentoring younger students, supporting at school events and developing charitable initiatives in the school, amongst other things. Given the high calibre of applications and the range of fantastic students on the team, we have no doubt that the team of 2025-2026 will do a brilliant job. The full team will be announced to students next week.

I would like to wish the whole community an enjoyable and restful weekend.

Yours sincerely



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