

13th May 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians

Re: Year 13 Leavers' and post-18 arrangements

As the exam season begins, I wanted to update you with the arrangements for Year 13 next half term. I am sure you will agree with me that the current Year 13s have been an excellent year group. They have achieved a great deal and we are confident they will perform well in their examinations.

Post-18 arrangements

Students who applied for university should have confirmed their firm (preferred) and insurance (back up with a lower grade offer) university choices on UCAS track before the final UCAS decision cut off (Thursday 6th June 2024) in order to retain their offers.

Students who expressed an interest in applying for apprenticeships or gap year activities have received the following support over the course of the last year to help them find and apply for suitable apprenticeships or courses:

- Daily advice and support through the apprenticeships tutor group with Ms Bonny
- One-to-one discussions with Ms Bonny about apprenticeship options

Many students have applied for some superb apprenticeships. Now that we are well into the exam season, we will no longer be chasing students to come to see us to support them with post-18 applications. However, students have been made aware that they can of course come to see me, Mr Elsby, Ms Bonny or Ms Carley at any time in school for support with their applications.

In addition to this, we will be running a dedicated post-18 applications support day in the E3 study room all day on **Tuesday 25th June 2024** for any student who would like further support in applying for apprenticeships or planning their gap year after their exams finish. Students may drop in for all or part of this day.

Attendance arrangements after half term

After half term, students can attend school for their exams only, if they wish. Where they would have had lessons, teachers will still be available for one-to-one and small group drop-ins, if the exam for their subject/paper has not yet been sat. Teachers will notify their classes via Google Classroom if they would like the whole class to attend for a particular reason (eg. a whole-class revision session the day before their exam for that subject). Students may of course still use the study rooms and the support of the Learning Mentors at any time during the school day.

Year 13 Leavers' Celebration – Wednesday 26th June 2024, 10.30am in E201

Students and their parents/guardians are invited to the Year 13 Leavers' Celebration on Wednesday 26th June 2024. This involves the leavers' assembly from 10.30am-11.30am in E201, followed by refreshments in the Sixth Form cafe. We hope that all students will be able to attend.

Year 13 Leavers' Ball - Wednesday 26th June 2024, 7.30-11pm at The Grange country house

Attendance at the Leavers' Ball is limited strictly to those who have purchased tickets. Students are reminded that the Leavers' Ball is an alcohol-free event, and that those who arrive intoxicated will not be allowed entry. Students who wish to follow the tradition of Leavers' Ball photos at the front of school before the Ball will be able to do so from 6pm onwards that evening. Students who have paid for a ticket must also have signed with their parents the online [Leavers' Ball](#) contract in advance in order to be permitted entry.

Returning textbooks

At the start of Year 12, students will have been issued textbooks for most of their subjects. It is important that all books are returned so that A-level courses are properly resourced for students next year. Students should hand their textbooks to Mrs Austen in the LRC. This should be done as soon as possible after a student's final exam, and no later than the morning of Wednesday 26th June 2024. Students will not be permitted to attend the leavers' celebration if they have not handed back their textbooks by the morning of Wednesday 26th June. Following this deadline, the £40 textbook deposit will be returned on ParentPay for all students who have returned their textbooks. Any late textbook returns are likely to result in a delay in the return of the textbook deposit until after the summer holidays.

Results day - Thursday 15th August 2024

A-Level results day will take place on Thursday 15th August 2024, and full details of how the day will run will follow. Students are strongly advised to attend school in person to collect their results, as they will have a meeting with a member of staff who will advise them on their next steps based on their results. We will also have a dedicated team of staff in school that day to support students with any post-18 support they require, including help with finding university places in clearing for any students who have missed their university offers.

Should parents/guardians have any further questions about any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact me via office@ruisliphigh.org.uk.

Yours sincerely



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