

"I have enjoyed my first day at Ruislip High School. In particular, I thought this morning's assembly was good. I liked what Mr Davies said about the school supporting us to achieve our goals and so far all of the teachers have been very kind."

Mohamed, Year 7

A NEW SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS



Image above: Headteacher, Mr Davies, welcomes our new Year 7 students to the school

On Tuesday 5th September 2023, we welcomed both new and old students to a brand new academic year at Ruislip High School. In particular, we welcomed our new Year 7 cohort. It was a delight to see brand new faces join our ambitious and supportive school community.

Chloe, 7B, told us: 'I really enjoyed my first history lesson. Mr Tibbey was really nice and the lesson was really interesting - I am looking forward to learning more.'

Ms Loizou, Head of Year 7, said: 'I truly believe it is a privilege to be the Head of Year 7. It is always so wonderful to be in a position to support students as they make the transition from primary school to secondary school. I have no doubt that this new cohort will prove to be one who will flourish at Ruislip High School and I am very excited to see what they make of the opportunities presented to them. They have made an excellent first impression and I wish them luck for the rest of the term.'

Meanwhile, the returning students began the school year, in temperatures that felt more like July than September. Despite the heat, the students began with

enthusiasm and were raring to begin the school year with positive attitudes, ready to learn.

Mr Davies, Headteacher, said: "I have been delighted to welcome back the whole school community for the start of this term. I was so impressed with how the students conducted themselves in light of last week's high temperatures and the positive start has continued into this week. I have no doubt we are set for another fantastic year at Ruislip High School."

Year 11 and Year 13 Drama Trip



Images: The drama students gave 'As You Like It' a positive review

On Thursday 7th September, the school's drama department headed out on an extremely balmy evening to watch a performance of Shakespeare's 'As You Like It' at The Globe, on London's Southbank.

The trip, attended by Year 11 and Year 13 drama students, was the first of several trips being led by the department this term, with a view to both enhancing our students' cultural capital, but also - more specifically - to give our drama students an experience of a wide variety of different types of theatre. This is vital when studying the subject, as not only does it bring the subject to life for students, taking it from the classroom to a real world context, but it also has the potential to inspire students, who are required to devise their own dramatic pieces as a part of the GCSE and A Level courses.

Performances at The Globe are always an atmospheric treat, and it seems 'As You Like It' did not disappoint! Simmeicia, Year 13, said the play was 'Dazzling, fantastic and amazing!'

Finally, Max, Year 11, said: 'It was an amazing play, with some great actors. As always, I had such an enjoyable time with the drama crew. Can't wait for the next trip!'

Thank you to Mr Randall, Curriculum Leader for Drama, for organising the trip so early into the term. It sounds like it was very much appreciated by all of the students.

KEY DATES:

Date:	Event
Monday 18th September - 6pm	Friends of Ruislip High Meeting
Monday 18th September - 6pm	Year 13 Success in the Sixth Form Evening
Thursday 28th September - 4:30pm-7:30pm	Year 6 Open Evening
Friday 29th September	Late Start (Lessons from 11:25am)

SCHOOL UPDATES:

Helplines: [click here](#)

National Online Safety - Parent resources: [click here](#)

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Vaping - Parent Advice and Information: [click here](#)

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Year 7 - SOCS Activation Letter: [click here](#)

Year 10 Study Club Letter: [click here](#)

Success in Year 13 Information Evening Letter: [click here](#)

Out of school opportunities (not linked to the school):

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Support for parents and children waiting for an ASD diagnosis: [click here](#)

Hillingdon Summer Activity Programme: [click here](#)

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Support Service Drop-ins: [click here](#)

Parenting Teenagers Workshop: [click here](#)