

27th March 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians

It is astonishing to think that we are already five terms into the Year 13 students' Sixth Form journeys, and I am pleased to note that this term has been one of their strongest yet. Throughout, there has been a real ramping up of revision effort from the students, as the January PPEs have highlighted both their strengths and where they need to improve, and as they have been receiving the added motivation of conditional university offers. I know that the students have really appreciated the support they have received from their subject teachers and learning mentors following the PPEs, and the sense of purpose heading into the final term is clear. It was also great to see so many parents and guardians at the Year 13 parents' evening on Thursday 9th March 2023, which I hope provided useful clarity on what the students need to do between now and their A Levels, which start in May.

Beyond their subjects, this term has been one of superb success for the Year 13s in their post-18 applications. Over 90 students have applied for university, and to date 99% of those students have received at least one university offer, with several students receiving offers from all five universities that they applied to. This is testament to the huge amounts of work students have been doing (many of them since the start of Year 12) to read around their subjects and prepare for an application. We were fortunate in February to hear from two former Ruislip High Students (Jonathan Goss and Aaron Connell), who spoke about their experiences transitioning into university life, and gave a number of invaluable tips to our students.

Several students have also been busy applying for prestigious apprenticeships, with many already being invited to assessment centres and interview days. We had the pleasure of listening to Rishley Permalloo, who finished Year 13 at Ruislip High in 2022, about his experiences applying for and starting an apprenticeship at Simmons & Simmons Law firm. Rishley provided the students with excellent advice about apprenticeship applications and about how best to prepare for the summer exams ahead. Support with apprenticeship and job applications for students will not stop once the exam season starts, and students will be reminded that they can get support with applications throughout the summer term from me or our learning mentors, Ms Kwan and Ms Bonny.

It has also been great to see the Year 13s throwing themselves into life outside the classroom this term. A larger number of students than ever before have been involved in student voice through the Year Team Council and Student Parliament, where they have been instrumental in providing useful feedback on teaching styles and systems within the school. There has been notable success for the basketball team against local schools and several students have represented the school at the Model United Nations conference in New York. I would also like to say a particular thanks to the outgoing Student Leadership Team, who finish their one year roles at the end of the spring term. They have been outstanding leaders and role models throughout, and their support at big school events, and of younger students around the school day-to-day, has been much appreciated and will be much missed.

What remains is for me to say that all of our support systems for students will remain in place throughout the lead up to, and during, the exam period next term. Parents and students should know that they can contact me at any time for support or advice, or with queries, and that the whole Sixth Form team is always here to listen to students and do their very best to help.

Looking forward, I will be excited to welcome students (and any parents/guardians who would like to attend) to the Year 13 leavers' assembly at 11am on Thursday 29th June 2023. The Year 13 Prom will then follow that evening for those who have purchased tickets.



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I remain incredibly grateful and proud to be the Head of Year of this fantastic and resilient year group, and would like to wish you all a pleasant and restful break.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B Peacock", written in a cursive style.

Mr B Peacock  
Head of Year 13



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