

17th July 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians

Re: Year 13 end of term update and information

It always astonishes me how quickly two years pass, but we are now at the point where we say goodbye to our superb Class of 2023, for many of them following seven years at Ruislip High. I have always felt closely connected to this year group, as many of them started here at the same time as I did, in 2016. I have enjoyed every moment of working with Year 13. They have matured into personable, hardworking and immensely talented young adults, who should be proud of everything they have achieved over the last two years. The purpose and motivation of the students has remained consistently strong, culminating in a diligent revision effort for the final A-Level exams in May and June. The way that the year group has coped with being the first cohort since the COVID-19 pandemic to sit completely normal A-Level exams has made me extremely proud to be their Head of Year.

Regarding post-18 options, it has been very pleasing to see that all students who applied for university have received at least one offer, with several students receiving offers from all five of the universities that they applied for. This is testament to the effort that students have been putting into the groundwork and evidence for their applications since the start of Year 12. Several students who have applied for apprenticeships and other employment have also received offers.

It seems a long time ago that the Year 13 students were starting Year 12, when we were still in the grip of the COVID-19 pandemic. Scanning back over the past two years, my memory takes me to the university trips, open evenings, presentation evening and community Christmas event, as well as a range of subject trips for the Geography, Politics, Business and Drama students to name just a few. Throughout, this year group have been role models to the rest of the school, and they will be sorely missed.

On 29th June, we held the Year 13 Leavers' assembly and Prom. It was a pleasure to see so many students attend these enjoyable celebrations of their time at Ruislip High and to see them finish on such a high.

A-Level results day will take place on the morning of Thursday 17th August, and students are strongly encouraged to attend in person. They will shortly be sent a time to attend a 1:1 appointment in school on that day to receive their results and advice on their next steps. A team of staff will be in school to support students with university clearing or any other post-18 support they may require. Parents and guardians may be interested in [this](#) clearing guide for parents and [this](#) webinar for parents about transitioning to university.

Refunds for excess Prom payments and of textbook deposits for textbooks returned by the 29th June deadline have now been completed on ParentPay, and parents can retrieve any remaining ParentPay funds by logging in, going to the "Parent Account" tab at the top, and then selecting "withdraw parent account credit" from the bottom of that page.

It has been a pleasure to work with this wonderful year group over the past two years, and I would also like to thank you as parents and guardians for your support. I am looking forward to congratulating the students on their achievements at results day on Thursday 17th August, and wish them every success in the future.

Yours sincerely



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Head of Year 13