

25th March 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians

**Re: Sixth Form End of Term update**

As the end of term nears, I am impressed by what the Sixth Form students have achieved in such a short space of time. For Year 13, the term began with a really focused and purposeful effort in the Pre-Public Exams. They have followed this up by producing some outstanding revision plans, which will stand them in good stead for their A-Level exams in the summer.

Not only do the vast majority of students have multiple university offers (testament to their excellent hard work and dedication to their subjects), but many students have been applying to a range of impressive apprenticeships, including at the BBC, Vodafone and Network Rail.

As the focus of Year 13 has turned more towards their final exams, Year 12 have stepped seamlessly into their leadership roles. It was great to see almost a third of Year 12 students apply for the Student Leadership Team (a record!) and the team started their one year roles earlier this term. They have already volunteered at several school events, started mentoring younger students and have set up a Year 7 Easter Egg hunt and charity bake sale for the end of term. I have no doubt that they will be a credit to the school over the coming year.

All Year 12 students have spent time this term focusing on what we call "post-18 evidence", which involves wider reading, online courses and work experience in a subject or vocation that interests them. Being able to write about this experience in a university or apprenticeship application is a great way for students to prove they are interested in a particular field. Many students have already organised work experience, and have undertaken a wide range of impressive reading beyond the A-Level curriculum.

We have been fortunate to be visited by a number of guest speakers this term. At the beginning of term, Year 12 were visited by the well known MP Sir Ben Bradshaw, who also took questions from the Year 12 Politics class. Students were also fortunate to hear from alumni Rishley Permalloo, who spoke about his experiences as an apprentice in the last couple of years, and from speakers at S.A.M.E. academy, who visited earlier in March to speak about safe driving.

Throughout the busy term, the students have embodied the positive, inclusive and can-do attitude we have in the Sixth Form at Ruislip High School. I have no doubt that the students will continue to work hard and will achieve highly in the exams in the summer. As a Sixth Form team, we will always be here to support them and listen to them every step of the way. My door (and those of the Heads of Year) is always open for students to come and speak what is on their mind.

On a practical note, Year 13 will have lessons until Friday 24th May (and tutor time until Friday 17th May), after which point they will only need to attend for their exams. Year 12 will have their Pre-Public exam week in the week beginning Monday 3rd June, and will have their work experience week in the week beginning Monday 10th June.

Thank you as always for your support.

Yours sincerely



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