

RHS Values Champions:

Top 5 Attendance:

- **7B** - 96.87%
- **8F** - 96.61%
- **7A** - 95.66%
- **7F** - 95.33%
- **7C** - 95.20%

(attendance calculated until 12/06/2025)

HoY Shout Out:

I would like to say a final congratulations and well done to our fabulous **Year 13 cohort**. Today was their Leavers' Assembly and the atmosphere was electric. They will be greatly missed at the school.

Mr Elsby - Head of Year 13

Subject Shout Out - English

I would like to say a huge well done to **Ciara, Year 10**. She works really hard in every lesson, is focused on her learning and strives to improve her understanding independently. Keep it up!

Ms Bhudia - Director of Faculty for English



A message from Mr Davies:

As this bulletin highlights, the continuing warm weather has not managed to slow the pace of life at Ruislip High School over the past fortnight. It does look as though temperatures may rise even further in the early part of next week. As such, we will keep the adapted uniform going until further notice. On Monday, due to the exceptionally high temperatures, students may wear their Ruislip High School full PE kit instead, should they wish. I am conscious that temperatures on Monday look particularly warm and I would encourage all students to ensure they have plenty of water with them. Staff will also be encouraging students to remain in shaded areas during social time.

We are also monitoring the weather closely with regard to our sports day scheduled for Tuesday 1st July 2025. Should the temperatures remain as high as currently forecast we may make adaptations to the day and I will write to parents on Monday if this is the case.

I write this today after our two celebration events for Year 11 and Year 13 yesterday. I often talk about saying goodbye in the right way, and I can honestly say, both year groups were magnificent in how they conducted themselves yesterday. They are a credit to the school and to their families, and it made me exceptionally proud to be a part of the Ruislip High School community. I have also been inundated with positive comments from members of the public relating to how our Year 7 students conducted themselves in London on Wednesday, they were clearly excellent ambassadors for our School.

Finally, I would again like to draw attention to the Friends of Ruislip High School quiz night taking place on Thursday evening. I would like to stress that the focus is very much on enjoyment and coming together as an RHS community, although the raffle prizes do look great too!

RAG Week 2025

This week, RHS has been buzzing as we celebrated RAG Week 2025, fundraising for the mental health charity Mind. Run by our Sixth Form Student Leadership Team, the week has been full of fun events, fostering a sense of community across the school. From Monday onwards, students and staff have taken part in a range of activities including a penalty shoot out, a competitive netball shoot out, and a hilarious water race that had everyone cheering.

The highlight of the week has undoubtedly been the ever-popular 'Sponge the Teacher' event. Spirits were high as students lined up for a chance to soak their teachers (and potentially settle a few scores). A whole host of teachers volunteered to get a sponge to the face, from Head of Sixth Form, Mr Peacock to English Teacher, Ms Rickards. On Tuesday afternoon, the roster even included Mr Davies, who volunteered and took every sponge in good humour - much to the students' delight. And although he didn't actually volunteer, even Mr Collins found himself taking part, when a student with slightly off aim, completely missed their target and hit Mr Collins instead!

RAG Week is not just about fun, but also about community spirit and raising money for charity. We're incredibly proud of our Sixth Form Student Leadership Team for their energy, enthusiasm and commitment to the week. The week would not have been a success without their tireless volunteering throughout the week.

Amber, Head Student, said: "RAG Week has always been such an incredible week at RHS, where true community spirit gets shown. This one was incredibly important to me as Head Student, where I wanted to ensure the week ran as smoothly as possible. I am really lucky to have such wonderful students with me on the Student Leadership Team - thanks to our excellent team work, the week has been a success. We hope every student who took part had fun, whilst raising money for a really important cause!"

We are proud to announce that their efforts raised an excellent £582, which will go to the charity Mind, who will use the money to support those who require support with their mental health issues.

Drama Trip to The Globe

On Monday 16th June, 2025, our Year 10 and Year 12 Drama students had the exciting opportunity to visit Shakespeare's Globe Theatre in London, to watch a live performance of *The Crucible*. It was an unforgettable experience of watching a powerful piece of theatre in an iconic venue.

One of the purposes of the trip was to support students in their GCSE and A Level Drama studies, providing them with valuable material to refer to in their written exams. Seeing a professional performance live gave students a chance to deepen their understanding of character, staging, and performance style, which are all key components of their assessments.

The performance itself was intense and thought-provoking, offering students a vivid interpretation of Miller's classic play.

Katie, Year 12, said: "Going to The Globe is always a really immersive experience. It makes me feel really connected to the history of theatre."

A big thank you to all staff who supported the trip and to the students for continuing to be an engaged group of students, who clearly love the chance to explore Drama beyond the classroom



Year 7 Trip to London

On Wednesday 25th June, 2025, the majority of our Year 7 students enjoyed an inspiring trip to Westminster Abbey and the National Portrait Gallery, deepening their understanding of History outside the classroom.

This beautifully sunny day began with a fascinating tour of Westminster Abbey, Britain's coronation church since 1066. Students were in awe at the beauty of the building and saw of the medieval Coronation Chair which is one of the most precious and famous pieces of furniture in the world, and the grave of the Unknown Warrior, an unidentified member of the British Imperial armed forces who died on the western front during the First World War. Over 3000 people are buried at the Abbey, including Sir Isaac Newton and many famous poets and writers.

Afterwards, the group visited the National Portrait Gallery, where students explored a range of Tudor portraits, directly linking to their current curriculum. They also had a glimpse of what lies ahead in Year 8, with powerful artworks from the English Civil War period.

The year group also got to enjoy the weather, with their lunch taking place in St. James' Park. This gave everyone a chance to relax and soak up the sunshine!

Ms Loizou, Head of Year 7, said: "What an amazing opportunity for our students! The students were a credit to our school and I know that they all took lots away from the day. It was wonderful to see them learning beyond the classroom"

It was a thoroughly enriching and enjoyable trip and well done to the students for being engaged and enthusiastic, even when their feet got tired. We look forward to building on this learning as we continue through the History curriculum.



Reminder: Friends of RHS Quiz Night!

Just a quick reminder that there is only a week to go before our Community Quiz Night, hosted by the Friends of Ruislip High. The quiz is taking place on Thursday 3rd July, 2025 from 5:30pm-7pm and tickets are £6 to attend. The winning team will be awarded the night's prize: £100!

Please ensure you purchase your tickets on ParentPay and gather your teams (up to six people) as soon as you can, to ensure you don't miss out on what is sure to be an excellent evening.

At the event, the Friends have also organised a raffle, full of excellent prizes. The top prize is an iPad, followed by a range of other prizes, all donated by local businesses. Raffle tickets are £1 each and can also be purchased on ParentPay.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

FRIENDS of Ruislip High School

PRESENTS

Parents & Staff QUIZ NIGHT

THURSDAY 3rd JULY at 17:30

£100 CASH PRIZE FOR WINNING TEAM

END OF TERM RAFFLE TICKETS - WIN IPAD

Are you ready for a night of trivia and fun? Join us for Quiz Night!

Adults only - gather your team of 6 to join one of ours.

Snacks and soft drinks for sale - bring your own bottles.

End of term raffle draw.

Quiz tickets available now via parent pay - £5 each.

1st PRIZE IPAD - 2nd WEALDSTONE SEASON TICKET AND 20 MORE PRIZES

FRIENDS of Ruislip High School

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ANNOUNCING the Friends of Ruislip High End of Term raffle

Tickets in advance via Parent Pay - £1 each.

ADVANCE TICKETS SALE ENDING TUESDAY 1ST JULY

Winners to be pulled on Thursday 3rd July at the FHS School Quiz night

If you can't make it on the night you can still win big raffle prizes!

1st PRIZE IPAD

2nd WEALDSTONE SEASON TICKET

AND MORE THAN 20 PRIZES

VOUCHERS FOR SHOPPING COFFEE AND CAKES, HAIRCUTS AND ACTIVITIES

Prizes donated by:

Custom Wealdstone FC, First Choice Interiors, Harfod Yoga, Bonas Restaurant, Mocha Coffee, Eastcoast, Hartmann Nutrition, Greenes Lounge, Glow-Up Beauty, Opa Greek Bakery & Pastries, Williams, Activity Place, Blooming Wonderful Baby Hub, Homefloor, DIY Store, Lush, Turkish Grooming, Lushy 7, Barbara Shop, Mollie's Mail Salon (Marie), Cotto Ruislip, Empire's Coffee Shop, John Sanders

HUGE THANKS TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS

Buy raffle tickets now!!

£1 each - Available on Parent Pay

We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

Year 12 Mock Interview Day



On Tuesday 24th June, 2025, RHS Sixth Form was delighted to host the first Year 12 Mock Interview since the pandemic. Each student took part in a 15-minute interview slot with external guests, including professionals from the NHS and construction industries. Students were well prepared and confidently answered a wide range of questions, demonstrating strong communication skills and ambition.

The purpose of the event is to give all students the opportunity to practice their communication and self-promotion skills, in preparation for interviews they may have to take as part of the post-18 options process. The questions asked by the interviewers were all focused on building the students' confidence, when trying to explain their strengths and the qualities that would make them a top university candidate or the perfect fit for an apprenticeship or new job role.

The mock interviews provided invaluable practice, helping students build confidence and refine their responses ahead of real job and graduate opportunities. Our guests praised the students' professionalism and drive, highlighting how these experiences are key to future success.

We were also pleased to have John Garner, Chair of Governors, join us in his new role as Careers Link, supporting both students and interviewers. This event was an important step in preparing our students for the competitive world beyond school, and we look forward to continuing to offer these vital career-building opportunities.



Year 10 Museum Trip



On Friday 20th June, 2025, our Year 10 students took their learning beyond the classroom with an inspiring day trip to South Kensington, in central London. The cohort began the day at the Science Museum, immersing themselves in hands-on exhibits that brought cutting-edge discoveries and technological wonders to life.

Later, students ventured across the road to the Natural History Museum, where they explored the mysteries of Earth's past, from towering dinosaur skeletons to glittering geological treasures. The day provided a fun and memorable opportunity to discover something new, related to science.

With the sun shining overhead, the group took a well-earned lunch break in Hyde Park, enjoying the beautiful weather and a chance to relax among the greenery.

Verity, Year 10, said: "I really enjoyed the trip to the museums. Although I have been to both of them before, there is always something new to learn. I also enjoyed the chance to spend time with my friends."

Mr Joseph, Head of Year 10, who led the trip, said: "It was lovely to spend a day outside the classroom with the students, where they could be curious, ask questions, and experience learning in a completely different way. Thank you to all of the staff who came with us and helped make the day possible."

It was a day packed with discovery, laughter, and a shared sense of adventure. Well done to all of the students for their impeccable behaviour on the day.



PROM NIGHT at RHS

On Thursday 26th June, 2025, it was a very special evening on the RHS calendar for many of our students - a chance to celebrate and to shine! For our Year 11 students, it was their Prom Event, held at Denham Grove Hotel and for the Year 13 students, it was their Leavers' Ball event held at The Grange in Northwood. Both events were wonderful occasions and a chance for our students to let their hair down and enjoy a much deserved evening of fun with their friends. Please see some images from the traditional start to the evening - the group photos outside of the school. Don't they look stunning?!



VLT Table Tennis Competition

On Wednesday 18th June, 2025, our PE Department took four Year 7 students to represent Ruislip High School in the annual Vanguard Learning Trust Table Tennis Competition.

The students played doubles against each of The Trust schools, in a round robin format, with the best of three games taking 3 points for their school. The competition finished in a draw between RHS and the Hermitage School team, with both teams finishing with 24 points.

It was then on to a tense finale, as RHS went against Hermitage in a one match, winner takes all competition. In the end our team was victorious - winning the game 11-6!

This is the third year in a row Ruislip High school have outplayed the competition and returned with the first-place trophy. Congratulations to all of our players - well done for scoring a hat trick victory for the school!



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about NINTENDO SWITCH 2

Nintendo launched its Switch 2 games console in early June 2025 – its first new console in eight years. While it builds on the original's success by remaining compatible with certain existing games, it also adds powerful hardware and new features like GameChat and a USB-C camera. As more children look to upgrade, it's important to understand how this new console might affect their play and safety.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EASIER TO ACCESS MATURE CONTENT

Despite Nintendo's reputation for family-friendly titles, mature games like *Celeste* (2017) and *Super Mario Bros. Wonder* (2023) have been released onto the platform. With the Switch 2's improved performance, developers will be able to port even more mature-rated games. These may appeal to children due to their popularity, but they contain content that is highly unsuitable for young audiences.

IN-APP & GAME STORE PURCHASES

The Nintendo eShop enables purchases with just a few taps. If payment details are stored and the prohibition is disabled, children may inadvertently make costly purchases – including game add-ons, cosmetic items or entire new releases – without parental approval.

UNRESTRICTED ONLINE PLAY IN SOME GAMES

While GameChat is one feature, Switch 2 also connects to the broader Nintendo Switch Online service. Many multiplayer titles like *Fortnite* or *Apex Legends* allow voice in text chat with strangers unless chat settings are adjusted, meaning children could encounter inappropriate language or unwanted contact.

GAMECHAT & REAL-TIME VOICE COMMUNICATION

GameChat enables live chatting with up to 16 people, even across different games, with optional video and screen-sharing. Though children under 16 are restricted to chatting only with approved friends, the sheer interactivity could raise privacy concerns or create pressure to remain online longer.

CAMERA COMPATIBILITY & PRIVACY CONCERNS

The optional USB-C camera supports video calling and facial overlays in games; however, this also raises the risk of cyberbullying or the unwanted sharing of personal images. The camera can be disabled, removed or covered, and parental controls are essential to manage how and when it is used.

POWERFUL PULL OF FAMILIAR CHARACTERS

Nintendo's mascot, Mario – along with Pikachu, Disney King and others – remains hugely appealing to younger audiences, especially after the success of the recent film, *The Super Mario Bros. Movie* (2023). These beloved icons are central to Nintendo's branding and often feature in merchandising, adverts and in-game promotions, creating strong emotional attachments to children and a sense of urgency to keep up with their peers.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CHECK RATINGS & USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Every Switch and Switch 2 game comes with a PEGI age rating. Before buying, ensure the content matches your child's age. Use the Nintendo Parental Controls app to monitor gameplay, set screen-time limits and manage friend requests.

REVIEW FRIEND LISTS AND CHAT PERMISSIONS

Child profiles are restricted to chatting with approved friends only, but it's good practice to regularly check their friend list and communication settings. Use the Parental Controls app to switch off voice or video chat if necessary.

REMOVE OR RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS

Avoid accidental spending by unlinking credit cards from the device. Instead, consider adding funds via prepaid eShop cards or requiring a PIN for purchases. Some banking apps may also be set to approve transactions manually.

ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Teach children how to block, report and capture any behaviour or content that makes them uncomfortable. The console's built-in tools allow them to create screenshots and video clips, which can aid in reporting any issues. Keeping an open dialogue helps children feel supported and safe.

Meet Our Expert

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Notices:

Key Dates:

Friday 27th June 2025
Silver DofE Assessed Weekend

Monday 30th June 2025
Year 12 Post-16 Day

Tuesday 1st July 2025
Year 6 Transition Day

Tuesday 1st July 2025
Sports Day

Tuesday 1st July 2025
Year 12 University Trip

Wednesday 2nd July 2025
Year 12 Trip to the Old Bailey

Thursday 3rd July 2025
Year 10 Textiles Trip to the Business Centre

Friday 4th July 2025 at 10am
LSF Coffee Morning

Letters Home

Update to Parents - 20/06/25

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Parent Letter - Mobile Phones

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Sixth Form Induction Day
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Other Opportunities (not linked to the school)

From the Met Police - Periodic Table of Emojis
[Click here](#)

Parents Guide to AI
[Click here](#)

Hillingdon Compass Project Sigh-up
[Click here](#)

Save the Date: Alice in Wonderland

On Thursday 10th July, 2025, please join us for the KS3 Summer Production of 'Alice in Wonderland'.

The Drama Club students have been working exceptionally hard in rehearsals and we are looking forward to welcoming you all to what will be another fantastic theatrical performance at RHS!

Tickets will be available to book very soon.

