

RHS Values Champions:

Attendance Matters

From the next bulletin, we will be listing the top 5 tutor groups for attendance.

Remember, there is a direct correlation between high attendance and high attainment for students.

We look forward to giving a shout-out to the top five tutor groups in the next edition.



A message from Mr Davies:

I am delighted to introduce the first parent bulletin of the academic year. This week's bulletin not only highlights the incredibly positive start to the year our students have made, but also the outstanding achievements from the summer. It has been a real pleasure to welcome our new Year 7 cohort into the school, and this week I also had the opportunity to meet our small external cohort of Year 12 students who are new to the school. I made a point of telling the students in our meeting that they were no longer external students and that from now on, they are valued members of the Ruislip High School community.

Year 11 prefects were also presented with their ties this week, and it was a privilege to interview this year's senior prefects at the end of last week. I was struck by how passionately and articulately they talked about their ideas while also highlighting their undeniable pride in the school.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents/guardians who have responded to my appeal not to drop children off on Sidmouth Drive due to the congestion this can cause. I recognise that, as Year 7 students start secondary school, it can be an anxious time. However, I kindly ask parents/guardians not to wait for their children inside the school gates. School staff take their safeguarding responsibilities very seriously, and unless you are attending a meeting at the school, I ask that parents/guardians to wait outside the school grounds.

Finally, I am delighted that so much of this bulletin focuses on student success, and some absolutely amazing experiences are evident. I am sure there will be many more positive articles over the course of the year, but we have set the bar extremely high with this edition, and I hope you enjoy reading it as much as I have.

HoY Shout Out - Year 7:

A huge well done to **Elizabeth in 7C**, for settling in really well and putting in a top effort in all her subjects. It is very noticeable how hard you are working!

Ms Loizou - Head of Year 7

Subject Shout Out - Media:

Well done to **Cameron** in the Year 12 Media Studies class. He has contributed brilliantly in every single lesson and made an excellent start to the A Level.

Ms Ohana - Curriculum Leader for Media

Welcome to Ruislip High School

On Wednesday 4th September, 2024, we welcomed our new Year 7 students, who are beginning their exciting secondary school journey at Ruislip High School. As a school community, we are committed to ensuring a smooth transition for them.

The students enjoyed the school all to themselves on their first jam-packed day. Students spent time with their tutor groups and got to know their classmates and tutor for the year. Then, it was straight into lessons, to help students get to know the building and their brand new timetables.

Bella, in 7W, said: "I really enjoyed my first day! The highlight was Cultural Studies, where we had a really good class discussion and started to learn how to debate, which was really interesting."

Indi, in 7C, told us: "I loved my first English lesson with Ms Loizou! She has been so welcoming and how she introduced our topic of myths was really fun."

Our Year 12 students, meanwhile, are embarking on a new chapter in their academic life as they begin their time at Ruislip High School Sixth Form. These years are crucial for life after RHS, and our dedicated sixth form team were on hand to give the Year 12s the best possible start to the term.

Max, Year 12, said: "I am really excited to start my A Levels. The Sixth Form seems to be such a supportive environment and I am looking forward to what this year brings."



Meet Mr Noble - Deputy Headteacher

We are delighted to introduce our new Deputy Headteacher, Mr Noble. We caught up with him to find out a bit more about him, to share with you all:

Tell us a bit about yourself:

After university I worked in business for three years in ecommerce and SQL databases. I trained to be a teacher and worked at Queensmead School for nine years. I was promoted to acting Head of Department after my first year, then head of year 9 which I enjoyed until the students reached year 11. I then became head of sixth form and was seconded to SLT. After becoming a permanent member of SLT, I was lucky to have been given many roles including being a DSL, KS4 and KS5 raising standards leader and data and reporting to parents. In 2018 I moved to The Reach Free School in Rickmansworth to start their sixth form. After six enjoyable years of line managing the sixth form and supporting raising standards in KS4 I was delighted to be appointed deputy headteacher of Ruislip High School, a school for which I have always had great admiration for.

What subject do you teach and what do you love about it?

I teach computer science and genuinely love teaching students the different programming constructs and paradigms and seeing students develop as problem solvers. I try to make my lessons as engaging as possible and seeing students go on to study computer science at university or secure an apprenticeship in this field is incredibly rewarding.

How have you found settling in at RHS/what drew you to work here?

I have really enjoyed my first few weeks at RHS. The staff and students have been friendly and helpful and it is great meeting so many new people. I worked with Ruislip High School regularly when I worked at Queensmead School and always had great admiration for its ethos and the environment I experienced when I visited. This was further cemented during my two day interview process where I met staff and students and experienced first hand the fantastic education and experiences that the students receive from everyone that works here.

What is the best thing about working education?

Seeing students succeed and overcome barriers. No day is like another day!



Summer Exam Results

During the summer holidays, we were delighted to open our school doors for A Level and GCSE Results Day. The days always mark an exciting milestone for our Year 11 and Year 13 students, as they receive results recognising all of their hard work.

On Thursday 15th August, we celebrated with the outgoing Year 13 students, as they received their A Level results. As a school, we are delighted to announce that 53% of all grades awarded were A*-B grades, with 75% of all grades awarded A*-C grades. The vast majority of students received the grades required to progress to their chosen destinations, including a range of prestigious universities and apprenticeships.

Alisha achieved A/A/A and will be heading to UCL to study medicine. Alisha told us: "I am so happy. It has always been my dream to study medicine and now I am on my way to do it! Thank you to all of my teachers; I could not have done it without you. Studying at RHS Sixth Form has been incredible - the teaching is amazing."

Meanwhile, Bradley was ecstatic that his results secured his place on an apprenticeship in Constructive Project Management with Transport for London. He said: "I have to start off by saying thank you to everyone at RHS. I have worked very hard to get here, but I could not have done it without the support I have received from the school. I am so excited to start my apprenticeship, but I will miss Ruislip High School. It has been the best seven years."

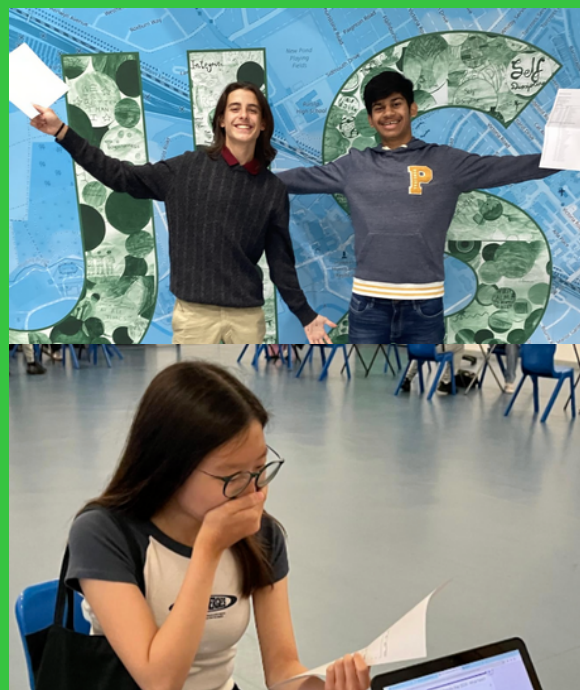
Next, on Thursday 22nd August, it was time for GCSE results day. This year's results have set a new benchmark for success, with 79% of our students achieving grades 4-9. Notably, 33% of our students secured the top grades of 7-9. After the success of our A Level and BTEC results last week, we are proud that our Year 11 cohort have also exemplified our school's ethos of 'hard work equals success'.

Noor, who achieved four grade 9s, five grade 8s and one grade 7 told us: 'I'm grateful for the guidance my teachers have provided me with at Ruislip High School and a special thank you to my head of year, Mr Sills, for his constant support.

Velizar achieved six grade 9s, two grade 8s and two grade 7s. He said: "I want to thank all my teachers who supported and helped me achieve the best I could. I am looking forward to continuing my studies in the sixth form under the guidance of my teachers."

Mr Davies, Headteacher of Ruislip High School, expressed immense pride in the students' accomplishments across both results' days, stating, "These outstanding results are a testament to the hard work, dedication, and resilience of our students. I would also like to extend my thanks to our staff, whose unwavering support and commitment have played a vital role in our students' success."

We are incredibly proud of the hard work and dedication students have shown throughout their studies at both GCSE and A Level. Their resilience and commitment have truly paid off, and their results reflect the countless hours of effort they invested into their education.



Success in the Sixth Form Evenings

On Thursday 12th September, 2024, Year 12 students with their parents and guardians, attended an information evening about success in the Sixth Form.

The Year 12 event focused on getting into good habits, especially managing independent study time and starting to think about building towards the future and post-18 options. The evening was very well attended and we were delighted to see so many families at the occasion. Although the students are in the sixth form and are expected to be independent, their success stories are often not possible without support from home.

Just a reminder that on Monday 16th September, 2024, there will be another Sixth Form talk for Year 13 students and their families. This event will focus on the busy year ahead, especially with university and apprenticeship applications, and how the students can maximise the support of the school to achieve success.

Mr Peacock, Head of Sixth Form, said: "It has been really pleasing to see how both year groups have settled into the new school year so well, and have made a fantastic start to the year. We really value parent support, so the Success in the Sixth Form evenings are designed to help create a positive relationship between home and school."

South Africa Trip 2024

At the end of the summer holidays, a group of seventeen sixth form students travelled to South Africa to the Mankwe wildlife reserve, which contains over 50 different species of wildlife. This was the school's second visit to the reserve, with our first visit taking place in 2022.

We were warmly welcomed back to the picturesque Waterbuck camp, situated on the banks of the Motlobo Dam, where students quickly settled into their cabins and tents - extremely excited for the ten days ahead. Throughout the trip we spent our days completing a variety of activities from identifying species; analysing tracks; completing walking and driven transects; collecting data; giraffe or rhino identification and burn management. This was all followed by stunning sunsets, campfires, games, karaoke night and even a braai or two.

This life changing experience allowed our Ruislip High community to not only reflect on the amazing work completed on the reserve, but also reflect on their own impact on the world we live in and what students can do to help.

Here are some messages from our sensational students to the outstanding Mankwe team:

'Thank you so much for a life changing experience where I have definitely had a different view on life and the world around and noticed things I would never have if it wasn't for the team at Mankwe. I have learned many new things and have inspired me to raise awareness on such a beautiful reserve, and also got me considering coming back in the future and volunteering.' Anastasia, Year 13

'I wanted to take some time out of my day to write an appreciation note towards you and your team. My time at the Mankwe Wildlife Reserve was very educational and enjoyable. I really enjoyed working alongside your team and giving us the opportunity to monitor and observe your animals on the reserve. It was an amazing experience for myself and hopefully in the coming years I will be able to return to your reserve. Once again thank you for your hospitality and time' Connor, Year 13

'Thank you so much for having us for 10 days over the summer and being so incredibly welcoming to us all. It was such an incredible trip and an experience that I will be forever grateful to have. I learned so much from you all and gained many new skills. Our time together was the best way I could've spent my summer and I hope to be back again one day soon. Thank you again and hopefully see you all soon.' Amber, Year 13

Thank you to the Science Department for running such an incredible residential for our sixth form students. Thank you also to Lynne and Melissa and their team, who run the reserve and have told us that the staff and students from Ruislip High School are welcome anytime to help with this conservation. We can't wait to go back!

Check out the school instagram (@ruislip_high_official) to find out even more!



RHS Take to the Stage at Edinburgh Fringe



On Monday 19th August, 2024, sixteen of our students from Years 10-13 headed off to Edinburgh Fringe Festival, to complete four performances of last academic year's school production of 'Little Women'.

Led by Mr Randall, Curriculum Leader of Drama, and Ms Ohana, Curriculum Leader of Media Studies, the students set off from Euston Station to journey to the world's largest performance festival. The students had the opportunity to take to the stage for four performances at Paradise Green, one of the many Fringe Festival venues.

The students performed each show with the same brilliance and finesse seen during their December 2023 performances at RHS. However, this time it was all the more impressive, as they were performing at a venue they had never had a chance to rehearse in before, to paying members of the public. It would be impossible to pick out one performance, as all four were excellent. A notable moment was when celebrated Channel 4 journalist, Michael Crick, attended one of the performances and later shared his review on X (previously known as Twitter), stating how impressed he was with our students and that the performance was one of the highlights of his time at this year's Fringe.

We were also very grateful to the friends and family members of the cast, who journeyed from around the country to join the students in Edinburgh to watch a performance.

Beyond their performances, the students also had the chance to watch lots of fantastic theatre for themselves. From a one-woman show, to clowning, the variety of performances students got to watch delighted and inspired the students. In addition, the students also enjoyed an evening of traditional Scottish dancing, Cèilidh dancing, which every single one of them thoroughly enjoyed and got fully involved in. The week's activities ended with the students taking a 'Ghost Tour' of Edinburgh, on which they got to see the top sites of the city - all with a spooky twist.

The students all behaved impeccably throughout what was a very jam-packed trip. Max, Year 12, said: "What a week! This has honestly been one of the best experiences I've ever had. I am sad that it was the last time we got to perform Little Women together, but I cannot wait for the next school performance."

Meanwhile, Laylah, Year 11, said: "I had the best time on the trip. Not only getting to perform, which I'll never forget, but also seeing lots of different shows, which were hilarious, thought-provoking and, sometimes, a bit weird! I am so grateful to my teachers for giving us the chance to go to Edinburgh."

A huge well done to our students for taking on the challenge of performing at the Fringe and thank you to Mr Randall and Ms Ohana for supporting the students on the trip.

RHS Summer School

On Thursday 29th August, 2024, Ruislip High School warmly welcomed its incoming Year 7 students at our annual Summer School. The two days were engaging and action-packed and designed to ease the transition into secondary school for the students in attendance. There was a rich mix of educational and fun activities, which allowed students to bond with their peers and familiarise themselves with their new school environment.



The Summer School had a range of exciting activities, including a creative session where students designed their own family crests. This activity encouraged them to think about their personal values, family histories, and unique traits, then turning these ideas into vibrant and meaningful symbols.

In addition to exploring their artistic sides, the students sharpened their minds with a series of maths problem-solving challenges. Working in teams, they tackled puzzles and complex equations, developing both their mathematical skills and their ability to collaborate effectively.

The two days also emphasised cultural learning through a series of quizzes that tested the students' knowledge of different traditions, histories, and global cultures. This activity not only broadened their horizons, but also celebrated the diversity within the group, encouraging inclusivity and mutual respect.

Finally, what better way to help the students to familiarise themselves at Ruislip High School than with a fun-filled scavenger hunt around the school grounds. Students had to work together to solve clues and find hidden items, giving them an opportunity to explore the school, while building teamwork and problem-solving skills.

Mr Noble, Deputy Headteacher, said: "It was such a pleasure to see so many of our new Year 7 students at our summer school. The students' behaviour was exemplary and their positive engagement in lessons created a fantastic atmosphere all around the school. I know it was very useful for the students to have the building to themselves for two days, allowing them to orientate themselves and make the best possible start for their new adventure at Ruislip High School."

The summer school was a great success, leaving the new Year 7 students feeling excited and prepared for the start of the academic year. Parents shared their positive feedback, stating that the days were incredibly valuable for helping their children to feel more comfortable, as they embark on this new chapter of their educational journey.

Reminder: Above & Beyond

A quick reminder that next week our school's extra-curricular clubs begin. Our fantastic Above & Beyond programme will be starting on Monday 16th September, with clubs to choose from both before and after school.

As a school, we offer over 50 different clubs to our student community, from fencing to robotics to choir. There truly is something for everyone to try! We believe that all students should attend at least one club a week, as this enables students to broaden their education beyond the classroom and develop a range of skills, such as their independence, curiosity and creativity.

Just a reminder that, as a school, we use the website 'SOCS' for our club sign-ups (<https://www.socscms.com/login/18262>). All parents have been given a login and this is where information about available clubs and the full timetable can be found.

Thank you to all of the parents who have already signed their students up to our clubs. If your child would still like to join a club or you would like some support using the SOCS website, please contact our Above & Beyond Coordinator, Mrs Cluskey, via the school office.



Our New Year 11 Prefects



We are delighted to announce the new Year 11 prefect team, chosen from an impressive pool of applicants. The selection process involved students writing detailed applications outlining why they would make strong leaders within the school community. Following this, they attended interviews with Mr Davies, Headteacher, and Mr Sills, Head of Year 11.

We had a huge number of applicants this year, with many high-quality submissions, making the decision incredibly challenging. However, we are confident that the chosen prefects will rise to the occasion and positively represent our school. Amongst the new prefect team, we selected two Head Prefects, Leyla and Ellie, and Deputy Head Prefects, Kian and Ruby.

On becoming Head Prefect, Leyla said: "I am really excited to be named Head Prefect. My goal for the next year is to help all students, especially Year 7, fully enjoy their school experience at RHS."

Ellie, also Head Prefect, said: "I can't wait to get started. I really hope to use my role as an opportunity to help build the school community, so it is even stronger."

This week, the successful students were presented with their prefect ties, marking the start of their new roles. We are excited to see them take on their responsibilities, supporting both staff and fellow students.

Mr Sills told us: "It was a wonderful moment handing our new Year 11 prefect team their ties. They have been selected as Mr Davies and I felt they embodied our school's values and possess the skills to be excellent role models to students across our school community. I look forward to seeing what they achieve."

Congratulations to all our new prefects – we are sure they will make a significant impact throughout the year!

The full list of prefects is:

Head Prefects:

Ellie and Leyla

Deputy Head Prefects:

Ruby and Kian

Prefect Team:

Eve, Kiya, Freya, Leylah, Honey, Jemima, Elena, Emma, Richman, Carly, Deveshi, Dorian, Megan, Dylan, Nazar and Gabriella



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YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING 2024

THURSDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER

4:30PM - 7:30PM

THE EVENING WILL FEATURE:

- ✓ Three separate presentations about the school delivered by Mr Davies, the Headteacher.
- ✓ An opportunity to tour the school.
- ✓ Two talks, led by our SENDCo, Ms Ware.



We look forward to you attending our Open Evening.

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Open Evening 2024

A brief reminder that our school Open Evening will be taking place on Thursday 26th September, from 4:30pm-7:30pm. This is a very important event for the school, as we open our doors for potential prospective students and their families.

One of the highlights of the event is how brilliantly our current students represent the school, either by supporting subject areas or by acting as tour guides on the evening. If your child has been selected to represent the school during Open Evening, a message will be sent out to you via ClassCharts.

If you are happy for your child to support the evening, please can we ask that you reply to the message by checking the 'Consent' box on the notice no later than Monday 23rd September.

Notices:

Key Dates:

**Monday 16th September
2024 at 5:15pm**

Success in the Sixth Form Talk
for Year 13

**Monday 23rd September
2024 at 5pm**

DofE Bronze Information
Evening

**Thursday 26th September
2024 at 4:30pm-7:30pm**
Year 6 Open Evening 2024

Friday 27th September 2024
Late start to school (school
starts at 11.25am)

Letters Home

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06/09/24**
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Vacancy**
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Forum for Children with
SEND**
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