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RHS Values Champions:

Top 5 Attendance:

- C66 - 97.20% (Year 13)
- 7D - 96.90%
- 7B - 96.70%
- C66 - 96.70% (Year 12)
- C63 - 96.70%

(attendance calculated until 18/12/2025)

HoY Shout Out: Year 8

Congratulations to William S in 8W for earning 220 reward wheels this term and earning his silver badge.

A fantastic start to the year and well on his way to earning a gold badge.

Well done!

Mr Tibbey - Head of Year 8

Subject Shout Out - Maths

A special shout out to Jinghan S (Year 11) and Ray C (Year 11). They have shown consistent effort, strong perseverance, and a positive attitude to learning. This dedication is clearly reflected in the improvement and quality of their assessments. Well done to both students!

Ms Vaghela - Teacher of Maths



A message from Mr Davies:

I write this update at the end of what has seemed a very long but successful term at the school. Our students continue to 'thrive', and that shines through in this final Parent Bulletin of this calendar year.

Over the past fortnight, I have had the pleasure of watching our Winter Concert last week and our school performance of 'A Christmas Carol' this week. I am sure anyone who attended either event would testify to the fact that the students were magnificent. To see the students themselves hosting the Winter Concert and leading on the stage management of the drama performance is testament to the ambition we have for our students, and they were all a genuine credit to our community. Wednesday was a particularly emotional event as the cast bid farewell to our Curriculum Leader of Drama, Mr Randall. He certainly leaves behind quite a legacy, with the quality of the performance representing the strong position he leaves our Drama Department.

Included in this bulletin is also a farewell to Ms Ohana, who has been so instrumental in the editing of this bulletin as well as being the Curriculum Leader of the Media Department, which achieves consistently strong results at Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5. Both members of staff are relocating, and we wish them well.

Building on what I wrote in my update last week, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members of the school community a restful festive period. I would also like to thank parents/guardians for your continued support and kindness, particularly with regard to our food bank appeal. Christmas is a time of year for celebration, but I believe it is also a time to show kindness and compassion while sparing a thought for others who are less fortunate in our community and in the wider world. I remain immensely proud to lead a school that is both in, and for, the community.

Christmas Foodbox Competition and Foodbank Collection

Over the last three weeks students have been encouraged to bring in items that can be donated to the Hillingdon Foodbank. The response from students, staff and parents has been once again amazing! The school community has come together to provide hundreds and hundreds of items that will support local families in the local community over the festive season.

All tutor groups were invited to design and decorate festive-themed donation boxes, which were filled with essential food items for Hillingdon Foodbank. The initiative aimed to spread holiday cheer and ensure that local families in need had the support they required over the festive season.

The generosity of our students, their families and staff was truly overwhelming. Tins of pasta, tuna, soup, toiletries and other non-perishable goods were donated. From pasta and rice to holiday treats, every item contributed will make a difference. On Wednesday 17th December 2025, Miss Bisland and Mr Martin took a car load and a minibus full of wonderfully decorated boxes filled with tons of items down to St Gregory's Church, where the Hillingdon Foodbank team would organise them and help distribute the items. The Hillingdon Foodbank team expressed their deep gratitude for the school's efforts. They also loved the hard work and skill that had gone into creating the boxes and some of the thoughtful messages that also accompanied the donations.

Mr Davies had the challenging task of deciding the top three boxes and there was no shortlist due to the high quality of entries but a long list of excellent designs to choose from. After much deliberation Mr Davies chose the following:

1st place - A grinch themed box designed by 7W

Joint Runner up - Orange Postbox designed by 7F

Joint Runner up - Gingerbread House designed by 7D

Mr Martin, Assistant Headteacher, said: "Once again the students and school community have demonstrated their caring and generous nature! We were blown away by the number of donations we had this year! Thanks to some excellent lifting techniques and support from the student body we managed to get all the items delivered to the Hillingdon Foodbank, where they will make such a big difference to so many people and families in our local community. Parents and guardians and Friends of Ruislip - thank you so much for all your support with this event. Well done to the students for how you approached the task, the quality of the boxes was once again terrifically high!".



This group of Year 10 students were great in helping to transport the boxes!



The winning box created by 7W



Daisy & Olivia 7F



Aeryn & Ruben 7D

Christmas Community Event

On Thursday 11th of December, our Sixth Form students hosted their annual Christmas community event, warmly welcoming over 70 local residents. This much-anticipated occasion is undoubtedly one of the highlights of the Sixth Form calendar, and judging by the overwhelmingly positive feedback, it holds an equally special place in the diaries of senior citizens in our community. The effort and enthusiasm shown by our staff and students created a wonderful atmosphere of celebration and community.

Mr Sills, Head of Sixth Form, said 'our Christmas community event was such an uplifting occasion and our students were impeccable hosts. It was lovely to see so many senior citizens enjoying the company of our students, who showed real maturity and warmth. We are delighted so many of our guests had such an enjoyable evening'

The event was packed with festive activities with guests enjoying a fun Christmas quiz, followed by a highly competitive game of BINGO, with excellent prizes including vouchers for local cafes. The excitement reached its peak with a very special guest appearance of Father Christmas (who had an uncanny resemblance to our Head of Sixth Form) who stopped by to wish everyone a Merry Christmas! Mia in Year 12 commented that 'it was the highlight of my year, I really enjoyed getting to know members of our local community and hearing their stories. It was so lovely and I am excited to help out next year.'



Sue Midgley, of the Ruislip Residents Association said 'the school does so much for the community and this event was such fun. The sixth form students were so sociable and friendly. Everybody left the event feeling like Christmas had begun!'

Our Sixth Form students rose to the occasion, proving to be exceptional hosts throughout the evening. They ensured every guest felt welcome and entertained. It was heartening to see our usually busy study room transformed into a hub of genuine community connection, full of smiling faces, laughter, and the spirit of festive cheer. Deputy Head Student, Ethan, said 'it was great to see people's faces light up during the quiz and the BINGO, and to host this festive event.'

Mr Davies, Headteacher, said: "The event was the true embodiment of what I mean when I describe Ruislip High School as a school in, and for, the community."

The success of the evening exemplified the strong bond between our school and the surrounding community. We extend our sincerest thanks to all the residents who joined us and made the event so memorable. We are already looking forward to next year's event!



A Wonderful Evening of Music at our Winter Concert

On Wednesday 11th December 2025, the Music Department was proud to host our Winter Concert at Ruislip High School, and what a fantastic evening it was. From the moment guests arrived at 5.30pm and were welcomed by Eleni M's beautiful piano playing, there was a real sense of excitement and anticipation in the room.

The concert featured students from across the school and showcased an impressive range of musical styles and talents. Confidently presented by Nicole G and Charlie H-B, the evening moved smoothly through a varied and engaging programme that kept the audience thoroughly entertained.

We heard outstanding performances from soloists, ensembles, bands, and our wonderful choir. The repertoire reflected the diversity of our students' musical interests, spanning classical, contemporary, and popular music. From Chopin, Mozart, Rachmaninoff, and Tchaikovsky to Amy Winehouse, Green Day, Nirvana, and David Bowie, every performance was delivered with commitment, confidence, and clear pride.

Our choir brought warmth and festive cheer with their performances of Snowman by Sia and Can't Stop the Feeling by Justin Timberlake, while the Concert Band provided a joyful seasonal finale with Do You Hear What I Hear, Overture from The Nutcracker, and Jingle Bells. These performances were a real highlight and a wonderful way to close the evening.

It was especially lovely to see so many of our GCSE and Sixth Form students performing with such maturity and professionalism, demonstrating the progress they have made and their dedication to music both in and out of the classroom.

The evening concluded with kind and encouraging closing remarks from Mr Davis, our Headteacher, who praised the students for their hard work and thanked staff and families for their continued support of music at Ruislip High School.

Our students truly made us proud with their enthusiasm, bravery, and musicality shone throughout the concert, and it was a pleasure to share such a special evening with our school community.

Thank you to everyone who came along to support the event. We look forward to welcoming you to many more musical celebrations in the future.



An amazing £1,100 was raised by the Friends of Ruislip High School

Thank you

for supporting our *Christmas raffle*



Prize winners have been contacted and should collect their prizes from the school office ASAP.

Thank you for your support, all money raised will go towards supporting our students.

Wishing you all a happy Christmas and New Year.

From

The Friends of
Ruislip High Team

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Year 11 London trip

On Thursday 18th December 2025, Year 11 rounded off a busy and hardworking term with a fantastic day out in central London, enjoying a festive visit to London's Southbank. Despite the rain making an appearance throughout the day, it certainly didn't dampen anyone's spirits — if anything, it added to the sense of adventure.

The trip began with a visit to the London Eye, where students took in breathtaking views of the city skyline. Even through the winter drizzle, the panoramic sights were impressive, and students were amazed at how far they could see across London.

Afterwards, the group set off on a lively River Thames boat tour. Travelling from Westminster to Tower Bridge, students enjoyed spotting famous landmarks along the way. The chilly breeze on the water came as a surprise to some, but the excitement of the journey more than made up for it.

The day concluded with free time at the Southbank Christmas Market, where students explored the festive stalls, enjoyed seasonal treats, and spent quality time with friends. Even under grey skies, the lights, music and atmosphere made it a memorable end to the term.

Max Freeman, Year 11, said: *"It was such a great day. Spending time with my friends outside of school made it even better — we had a brilliant time together."*



PE News

Congratulations to the following students who took part in the Hillingdon schools cross country championships on Monday 8th December. We had some fantastic performances. Well done to the following students who will now go on to represent Hillingdon at Middlesex School in January.

- Oscar W (10F) 4th place
- Jamie S (10F) 9th place
- Isabelle F-S (7F) 5th place

Year 7 girls: Isabelle F-S (7F) 5th, Daisy S (7W) 18th, Shae B (7A) 19th, Ropafadzo C (7A) 33rd, Lizzy T (7W) 65th, Isla M (7W) 66th.

Year 7 boys: Theo W (7S) 1st, Andrew C (7W) 9th, Jude M (7A) 9th, Harvey B (7W) 28th, Aryan N (7A) 30th, Louie D (7F) 34th.

Year 8 girls: Anna R (8S) 19th, Audrey K (8B) 28th, Zaara S (8S) 56th, Lois C (9D) 59th, Mora K (8F) 60th, Tabitha M (8D) 67th.

Year 8 boys: Antony C (8W) 20th, Conor W (8C) 44th, Alfie L (8D) 49th, Tomasz P (8D) 61st.

Year 9 girls: Loretta Y (9B) 40th, Hannah H (9S) 41st, Ellie D (9F) 51st.

Year 9 boys: Vinnie M-B (9B) 1st, Alastair B (9F) 6th, Arjun P (9C) 43rd, Mohamed K (9B) 57th.

Year 10 girls: Charna Jo B (10A) 5th, Bethany S (10B) 9th, Erin D-M (10B) 10th.

Year 10 boys: Oscar W (10F) 4th, Jamie S (10F) 9th, Georgi G (10F) 12th, Daniel B (10S) 13th, Ashaz S (10B) 28th.



FAREWELL

This week, the school will say goodbye to hugely popular and effective members of staff. Mr Randall, Curriculum Leader of Drama, and Ms Ohana, Curriculum Leader of Media, are leaving after 10 and 13 years at the school respectively.

Both members of staff have had a significant impact during their time at the school, and their passion for the expressive arts and student performance has been instrumental over the years. Both Ms Ohana and Mr Randall are passionate believers in the idea that, for students to thrive, it is vital that their education is enjoyable and rewarding.

Mr Randall's latest school production took place at the school this week, and the reviews have described the performances as 'triumphant'. Ms Ohana has also edited this publication since its inception, and her outstanding media teaching and commitment to the whole life of the school will be greatly missed. We wish them both all the best for the future.

I am pleased to say we have made some strong replacement appointments, and I shall introduce the new staff in the new year. This also means that there will be changes to timetables in January, and students will receive updated timetables in their tutorial on the first day of the new term, Tuesday 6th January 2026.

Reminder

YEAR 11 PPE RESULTS MEETING

All Year 11 families are invited to the Year 11 PPE Results Meeting being held on 22nd January 2026 at 4.30pm in the RHS Sports Hall.

This meeting is a key opportunity to review your child's progress, celebrate their achievements, and identify areas where further support may be needed. Further details will follow.

A Christmas Carol

On Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th December the Drama department performed their own adaptation of *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens. The students enjoyed every moment of the entire process and can't wait to work on their next play. The school is very lucky to have such brilliant young actors, technicians and theatre makers – and their performances and work is testament to the Ruislip High maxim that "hard work equals success". We were lucky enough to be nominated for the National School Theatre Awards, and our review has been published in full here:



Ruislip High School: *A Christmas Carol* - Making spirits high with this ghostly Christmas adaptation

As NSTA Representatives, I had the enormous privilege of attending Ruislip High School's production of *A Christmas Carol* on the evening of Wednesday 17 December 2025. On what was a suitably chilly December night, I was lucky enough to have a front-row seat for this inventive and highly amusing reimagining of Charles Dickens' original novella. Cleverly directed by Mr Randall, the action was relocated to a pub in (you'll never guess) Ruislip, 2025 - a concept that immediately grounded the story in a familiar, contemporary setting while retaining the heart and moral core of Dickens' timeless tale.

A Christmas Carol follows the miserly Ebenezer Scrooge as he undergoes a profound transformation on Christmas Eve, guided by a series of ghostly visitations that force him to confront his past, examine his present, and reconsider his future. From the moment I entered the theatre, there was a palpable sense of anticipation and excitement, with the audience clearly ready to be entertained. This energy was expertly harnessed even before the action began, thanks to a light-hearted and incredibly humorous pre-show announcement delivered by the Ghost of Christmas Present. Performed with bags of charisma by Max, this moment immediately established the playful tone of the production and reminded the audience that this would be a *Christmas Carol* with warmth, wit and personality in abundance.

The opening monologue, shared by narrators Eva, Deeya and Jess, was a beautifully delivered reminder of the heart of the story. Their storytelling was clear, engaging and well-paced, creating a sense of tension and expectation that set the scene perfectly for our first introduction to Scrooge. This framing device worked particularly well, guiding the audience confidently into the world of the play while ensuring that the moral weight of the story was never lost beneath the humour.

Julian's portrayal of Scrooge was a standout performance. His interpretation was brilliantly cruel, capturing Scrooge's bitterness and miserliness with precision, yet underpinned by an emotional depth that felt far beyond his years. This was a thoughtful and controlled performance, allowing the audience to fully invest in Scrooge's journey. Julian was wonderfully supported by Max as Young Scrooge, whose presence added clarity and emotional resonance to Scrooge's past, helping the audience understand how this lonely figure had come to be.

Following a particularly strong ensemble movement sequence accompanying the entrance of Jacob Marley's Ghost, played with stoic authority by James, the production introduced its trio of Christmas spirits one by one. Each Ghost was distinct in style, tone and energy, offering contrast while maintaining narrative cohesion. The eerie Clown of Christmas Past, portrayed by Katie, was unsettling and effective, while Max's energetic Australian Ghost of Christmas Present brought warmth, humour and boundless enthusiasm to the stage. The final visitor, the macabre Ghost of

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Christmas Future, played by CJ, was genuinely chilling and made particularly effective use of puppetry, which enhanced the sense of dread and inevitability surrounding Scrooge's fate. Each visit was beautifully crafted, guiding the audience smoothly through Scrooge's journey of redemption and self-realisation.

Special commendation must be given to the Cratchit family, who created a beautiful sense of rapport on stage. Each member contributed to a portrayal of a poignantly heartfelt family that the audience could truly care about, making their scenes especially affecting. A particular highlight was Jess's portrayal of Jenny Cratchit, which combined spectacular comic timing with a stunning all-round performance, striking the perfect balance between humour and sincerity.

The closing moments of the production were especially moving. A tear-jerking monologue from James as Marley reminded the audience of the cost of regret and missed opportunity, before a wonderful whole-cast rendition of *Auld Lang Syne* brought the company together in a moment of shared warmth and reflection. The cast's heartfelt Christmas wishes to the audience provided a generous and joyful conclusion.

Every member of the cast and crew, regardless of their role, contributed to the success of this performance. As they took their bows to a brilliantly choreographed dance routine, it was clear that they truly embodied the spirit of *A Christmas Carol*. This production transcended the cold December night, leaving the audience wrapped in warmth and emotion, and powerfully demonstrated the transformative power of theatre within education. In true Dickensian fashion, this *Christmas Carol* proved that a good ghost story can still leave the audience glowing with seasonal cheer.

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Attendance Challenge

Students at Ruislip High School took part in our festive 12 Days of Christmas attendance challenge during the final weeks of term. To be entered into the prize draw, students needed to attend school every day over the last 12 days, with each day of attendance earning them an entry into the draw for their year group.

Students with the highest attendance had the greatest chance of winning, and it was fantastic to see so many students making the effort to be in school right up to the end of term. The prizes were generously donated by the Friends of Ruislip High School, and we are very grateful for their continued support.

Congratulations to our winners, who are Sienna, Leo S, Daniel W, Tsz Lok L, Emily M, Kiya D and Aahana K.



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

TOY SCALPING, FAKES & SCAMS

Online scalping is when individuals or groups use automated software (bots) to bulk-buy high-demand items – such as gaming consoles, concert tickets, limited-edition t-shirts, or exclusive merchandise – with the intention of reselling them at vastly inflated prices. It's a fast-moving online trend that can frustrate young consumers and expose them to misleading practices or financial harm. As this unethical tactic grows, it's important to help children and young people understand how scalping works and how to navigate it responsibly.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

FINANCIAL PRESSURE AND MANIPULATION



LAST ONE!

EXPLOITATION OF FANDOMS



Young often buy popular releases early, driving their prices. This can lead to a financial bubble, causing them to lose money. Children and young people may also feel pressure to own certain items based on their favorite series, sports teams or games, making them more likely to buy overpriced or questionable items.

ACCESSING UNSAFE WEBSITES



In the rush to secure rare items, young people might click through to unsafe websites, which may contain malware or viruses. They may also be targeted by scammers, who exploit their desire for rare items. This can expose them to fraud, malware, and identity theft.

Advice for Parents & Educators

TALK ABOUT ONLINE FAIRNESS

Use scalping as an opportunity to discuss fairness, consumer ethics, and how sellers profit from markets for profit. Encouraging children to think critically about whether they truly need an item – and at what cost – can help them make more considered decisions.

SUPPORT INFORMED PURCHASING

Many children have to check seller credentials, read independent reviews, and verify whether a site is secure before making any payment. Knowing how to spot red flags, such as unrealistic promises or missing contact details, can prevent costly mistakes.

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ENCOURAGE PATIENCE OVER IMPULSE

Teach young people to wait for official releases or future-releases instead of paying over the odds. Using products can lead into impulse, and parents can save significant amounts of money while reducing the likelihood of buying broken items.

SET SPENDING BOUNDARIES

Establish clear rules for online spending, including limits on pre-paid cards, gaming gift cards, and online wallets. Stress the real-world value of money spent on digital or collector's items so children understand the long-term impact of their purchases.



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

To all of our students and their families:
We hope you have a well-earned rest over the holidays and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Tuesday 6th January, 2026.

Notices:

Key Dates:

Monday 5th January 2026
INSET day

Tuesday 6th January 2026
Term begins

Thursday 8th January 2026
GCSE resit results day

Thursday 8th January 2026
Year 9 theatre trip

Friday 9th January 2026
Year 13 PPEs

Tuesday 13th January 2026
Friends of RHS meeting

Wednesday 14th January 2026
Final UCAS deadline

Wednesday 14th January 2026
Year 8/9 Spanish play

Thursday 15th January 2026
Year 12 guest speaker: James Peterson

Thursday 15th January 2026
Year 13 Sorted assembly: young People and Alcohol

Letters Home

Update to parents - 12th December 2025
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