

## RHS Values Champions:

### Top 5 Attendance:

- 7S - 97.69%
- 7F - 97.56%
- 8B - 97.54%
- 7A - 97.21%
- 7B - 96.67%

*(attendance calculated until 21/12/2023)*

### HoY Shout Out - Year 7:

A huge well done to **Dennis in 7A** for winning the tutor award last term. Dennis always displays the school values in everything in does and his tutor is always impressed with how kind and thoughtful he is.

**Ms Loizou - Head of Year 7**

### Subject Shout Out - Media Studies:

Although I have seen a whole host of fantastic NEA submissions from my Year 13 students, a massive shout out to **Wiktorija, C62**, for her outstanding music marketing package. Wiktorija completed it ahead of the deadline and to an exceptional standard. Her work is truly an achievement, of which she should be thoroughly proud!

**Ms Ohana**



## A message from Mr Davies:

I would like to wish a Happy New Year to our entire Ruislip High School community. I am delighted to be writing to parents/guardians in our new-look parent bulletin. It has been fantastic to welcome students back this week and I have been impressed at the excellent start students, across all year groups, have made this week with regard to their conduct and attitude to learning.

As you will read in this bulletin, it has been an action-packed first week of term with Year 9 students taking part in construction workshops, Year 13 sitting their PPEs and Year 7 students enjoying our annual astronomy evening. I know that all the staff involved in these events have been impressed with our students and I was particularly pleased with the Year 7s who showed typical levels of RHS resilience in coping with unfavourable weather conditions as unfortunately, after days of clear skies, the astronomy evening was blighted by increased cloud cover.

As you can read below, PE fixtures are already up and running but next week will also see the return of our Above & Beyond clubs. In total we have 54 clubs running either before school, during lunch time or after school. Here at Ruislip High School we believe passionately that learning does not end at the classroom door and I would encourage all students to take part in our extended curriculum offer that is delivered through our many clubs and activities every day.

I trust parents/guardians enjoy reading this bulletin and I would like to thank Ms Ohana for her role in creating the publication. I know she would be delighted to receive any feedback and suggestions for further improvement.

# YEAR 9 BUILD WORKSHOPS

On Tuesday 9th January, Year 9's term got off to an exciting start, as every student in the year group got the chance to take part in a Build workshop.

The workshops, led by BUILD, a private construction training centre, based in Hayes, gave our students the chance to try out a range of practical career options, from bricklaying to plastering. The students really enjoyed themselves and many of them described how the sessions were a fantastic way of exploring a range of careers, which they don't usually get to try inside the classroom.

Louis, 9C, told us: "Taking part in the workshop was really fun. I especially enjoyed the bricklaying, as it was something different. A career in electrics is something I might consider in the future, so getting a chance to try it in school was great."

BUILD is passionate about supporting young people to develop their skills within the trade industry, and believes it is a career that offers young people a bright future. Ruislip High School is lucky enough to have built a strong relationship with the company and some of our students have gone on to work with them on some of their programmes. The staff from BUILD were impressed with the attitudes that Year 9 students showed during their workshops and what they achieved over the course of the sessions. We would like to thank BUILD for coming into the school to lead such a brilliant day.



Images above: Year 8 students actively get involved in a range of activities from bricklaying to woodworking.

## Year 7 Astronomy Evening

On Thursday 11th January, approximately 50 Year 7 students joined the Science Department for one of their annual winter events: Astronomy Evening.

Heading back into school after dark, and ensuring they were wrapped up warm, the students joined members of staff, in the hope of viewing stars and planets in our school's EcoHub. A fantastic evening was had by all in spite of the full cloud cover! The students learnt how to set up a telescope and about key objects that are located in the universe and within our solar system.

Despite the clouds getting in the way (literally), students still gained plenty from the experience.

Amaris, 7F, told us: 'I really enjoyed the astronomy evening! Not only did I learn a multitude of cool facts about the universe, I also got to see how you could work and use a telescope. I also took part in a fun quiz activity, which I really enjoyed.'

Hamza, 7F, said: 'The astronomy evening was a fun evening, full of fun activities and there was lots of new knowledge to be discovered.'

Events such as the Astronomy Evening are a really important part of our calendar at Ruislip High School, where we are committed to extending learning beyond the classroom. We would like to thank the Science Department for running the event.



Image above: One of our Year 7 students looks through a telescope into the night sky.

# Year 13 Update from Mr Elsby

Very much like the fireworks on New Years' Eve, the Year 13s have come back with a bang!

Year 13 students will have spent their winter break preparing for their PPEs, which started on the first day back to school. These PPEs are important for the students, as it will enable them to know how they're getting on academically. They will be able to gauge whether they're on track to achieve their post-18 places and reflect on their next steps for the rest of their time at Ruislip High School, to ensure they achieve their best in the summer exams.

Year 13 students will receive their PPE results on Tuesday 6th February, 2024. We are sure this will be an exciting day for our Year 13s, who have displayed impeccable behaviour and attendance since our return. We truly hope their results reflect this.

I know all parents and guardians will join me in encouraging our students for their exams in the summer. Students know that it's not about wishing them 'good luck', especially as they are in their current strong position due to their hard work. I am certain that once the PPEs are over and normal lessons resume next week on Thursday 18th January, 2024, this hard work will continue and the Year 13s will continue to thrive for the rest of this academic year.

Keep it up Year 13!

## Sports Fixtures & PE News:

### Previous Fixtures:

On Monday 18th December, 2023, a group of our Year 8 students took part in a local schools' basketball tournament. Considering the other schools who participated were all in Year 9, our boys played very well and we would like to congratulate them for their efforts at the event. Well done!

### Upcoming Tournaments and Fixtures:

- Year 10 Netball Match vs Haydon - Monday 15th January
- Year 7 Basketball Match vs Ark Elvin Academy - Monday 15th January
- Year 7 Basketball Match vs Lampton School Academy - Wednesday 17th January
- Year 8 Indoor Athletics Borough Finals - Monday 22nd January
- Year 7 Borough Netball Tournament - Tuesday 23rd January
- Year 8 Football Quarter finals vs Bishop Ramsey - Monday 29th January
- Year 8 Netball Match against Uxbridge High - Tuesday 30th January
- Year 9 Netball Match against Bishop Ramsey - Tuesday 6th February

### Sports colours

PE has introduced sports colours for students to achieve. These are designed to celebrate individual achievement in sport, as well as to recognise an individual's commitment, enthusiasm and dedication towards school sport, whilst acting as a role model for our younger students and as an ambassador for the school.

- Junior Colours (bronze badges) are awarded to students in Year 7
- Intermediate Colours (silver badges) are awarded to students in Years 8 and 9
- Senior Colours (gold badges) are awarded to students in Years 10 and 11
- Sporting Excellence Colours (platinum badges) can be awarded to any student consistently representing the District, Region, Middlesex County or Higher in their chosen sport (Year 7-13).



Images above: Our basketball and football teams celebrate post-match



## Friends Meeting

Our parent association, The Friends of Ruislip High School, will be meeting on **Tuesday 16th January, at 6pm-7pm** for their first meeting of 2024. There is a packed agenda, with the group keen to support and enhance our school community further this year. If you would like to get involved or find out more, please do join us at the meeting. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Inclement weather

The weather forecast is ever changing but the weather looks set to be even colder next week. I would like to remind parents/guardians that students should dress appropriately for the weather conditions, and that coats should be worn to school and stored in lockers. Students can and should retrieve their coats during social time if they choose to spend break/lunch time outside, and then return their coat to their locker before their next lesson. In the unlikely event that the colder weather creates snowy conditions, I will always inform parents/guardians of any changes to the school day before 6.30am.

## Banned Items:

A polite reminder to all parents that students are not allowed to bring in the following items to school:

- Hoodies, denim jackets, hats or other items of non-uniform clothing;
- Jewellery, including rings (other than one small stud in the bottom of each ear lobe; these should be a tiny plain silver or gold type stud);
- Mobile phones/smart watches which have been heard or seen on the school premises;
- Music devices, with the exception of those being used as part of a lesson;
- Tipp-ex or any other flammable liquid;
- Make up;
- Chewing gum;
- Sharpeners or sharp scissors;
- Smoking-related articles;
- Aerosols, perfumes or body sprays.

If students are found in possession of any of these items, they will be confiscated. A parent/guardian will be expected to collect the higher-value confiscated items from the school office; less valuable items will be disposed of immediately.

## Notices:

### Key Dates:

**Tuesday 16th January 2024 at 6pm-7pm**

Friends of Ruislip High Meeting

**Tuesday 23rd January 2024 at 6pm**

Year 12 Post-18 Options Evening

**Thursday 25th January 2024 5:30pm**

Year 11 Uxbridge College Information Evening

**Wednesday 31st January 2024 at 5:30pm**

Year 11 Music Recital

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Year 12 Post-18 Options Information Evening

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Year 9 Study Club Letter

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## Little Women: Back for One Night Only!

# LITTLE WOMEN

I AM NOT AFRAID OF STORMS

**WEDNESDAY 24TH JANUARY**  
**SERKIS PERFORMANCE HALL**  
**5:30 PM**  
**TICKETS AVAILABLE ON GOOGLE CLASSROOM**

We are excited to announce that, due to popular demand, there will be another performance of our incredible school production 'Little Women' on **Wednesday 24th January at 5:30pm** in the Andy Serkis Performance Hall.

After a sell-out performance in December, we wanted to give students and parents another chance to come and watch the play, which features performances from a stellar cast of our very own students. This is one not to be missed! Tickets are free to book on Google Classroom or via this link [here](#). We anticipate demand will be high - so book early to avoid disappointment.