Ruislip High School **Parent Bulletin**

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RHS Values Champions:

Top 5 Attendance:

- 9W 98%
- 10F 96.90%
- 8S 96.13%
- 8C 95.80%
- 7F 95.67%

(attendance calculated until 22/03/2024)

AHoY Shout Out - Year 9:

I would like to give a shout out to **Megan, 9F.** Day-to-day Megan works incredibly hard and she embodies the Ruislip High School values in all that she does. Well done Megan for all of your excellent work this term.

Mr Tibbey - Assistant Head of Year 9

Subject Shout Out - History:

The History Department would like to say well done to **Khadija**, **10F**, for her amazing attitude to learning in GCSE History. Every lesson she is ready to work hard and her can-do attitude is admirable. Keep it up! **Mr Warrington - Curriculum Leader for History**



A message from Mr Davies:

It's been an exceptionally busy last week of term (I appreciate that sounds dangerously close to an Easter Egg pun), and the school really has been a hive of activity this week as this bulletin clearly shows. I was fortunate enough to sample the delicious baking of the sixth form fundraisers on Wednesday and I know Miss Kingscott has had a particularly busy week leading the Year 7 Easter Egg hunt on Monday.

Without doubt, the highlight of my week has been attending the year group celebration assemblies that have been taking place. I have not only presented my headteacher awards but have had the opportunity to witness the outstanding achievement of our students and how supportive the students have been in celebrating the various award winners.

I was particularly pleased on Monday to welcome visitors from one of our feeder schools, Ladybanks, to the school, as a band of Year 5 students took part in a Year 5 Science taster event. It was great to hear how excited the students had been to work in our Eco Hub and receive a taste of the interactive and fascinating world of Science they will experience should they transition to Ruislip High School.

Finally, I know this is a challenging time of year for not only the students in our examination groups, but also for their parents/guardians. I recognise the challenges of supporting and motivating children as examinations approach and would like to again thank you all for your continued support. I wish the whole community a happy Easter when it arrives.

Spring Term Attendance Draw



As the Spring Term draws to a close, we were delighted to award one student from each year group an Easter gift bag for having excellent attendance over the last two weeks of school. Similar to our Christmas attendance draw, each day a student attended school in the last fortnight, they received a raffle ticket, entering them into our attendance draw.

This term, the prize was an Easter gift bag, filled with chocolatey treats, stationery and a £10 Amazon gift voucher per student. The gift bags were generously donated by The Friends of Ruislip High, our parent association. The lucky winners were: Thomas L in Year 7; Alicia G in Year 8; Tarik in Year 9; Maria B in Year 10; Lierta K in Year 11; Yusuf B in Year 12 and Dhiren B in Year 13.

Mr Davies, who presented the prizes, said: I am so grateful to the Friends of Ruislip High School for this wonderful idea and I have no doubt these Easter treats will be hugely appreciated by our high attending lucky winners'

Congratulations to all of our raffle winners and a huge thank you to The Friends of Ruislip High for donating the prizes.

Sixth Form Easter Bake Sale for Macmillan

On Wednesday 27th March, our new Sixth Form Leadership Team led the Sixth Form in the organisation of an Easter bake sale to raise money for Macmillan.

Selling a range of delicious treats and bakes, from brownies to Ms Kingscott's popular Easter fudge, the Year 12s ran a very popular stall during break times. The bake sale team didn't stop there; they presented the sale with a wonderfully decorated stall covered with Easter and Spring decorations. During both break times the stall proved incredibly popular with students and our staff, with everyone keen to pick up an Easter-themed treat.

Ava, Year 12, who baked butterfly cupcakes for the sale and helped to run the stall, told us: "It was fun setting up the stall and raising money for a good cause. We were very busy and we sold out so quickly".



Image above: Year 10 students queue up to buy a cake at the Easter Bake Sale

Spring Term Celebration Assemblies



Image above: Students receive subject certificates at the Year 10 Celebration Assembly

As the spring term draws to a close, each year group have joined together to celebrate their achievements over the last few months. Our termly Celebration Assemblies, led by our Heads of Year, are always a wonderful opportunity to recognise the efforts and progress of our students.

Beyond the subject and tutor awards given out during the assemblies, there were also some additional stand-out moments. In Year 7, Lucas, achieved the Platinum Award for his Sports Colours, as awarded by the PE Department. This is a great achievement as it shows his commitment to sport, both in school and outside of school. He was one of many students who received the Platinum Award - the full list can be found in the 'PE News'. In Year 8, Mr Cahill celebrated the Year 8 football teams' outstanding achievements this term; the girls' football team won their league and the boys' football team reached the final of the County Cup.

As always, the assemblies are attended by Mr Davies, Headteacher, who hands out his special Headteacher Awards, for the students who have gone the extra mile in their subjects or for those students who have received a half-termly Headteacher Award, linked to one of the school values.

Well done to all of the students who received an award during the spring term Celebration Assemblies.

Year 7 Easter Egg Hunt Student Thank Yous



On Tuesday 26th March, the Sixth Form invited some of our Year 7 students to take part in an exciting Easter egg hunt! Eighteen Year 7 students took part in the event, which was led by Ms Kingscott, Assistant Head of Year 12, and the new Student Leadership Team.

The students who took part in the event, began by making their own Easter egg baskets before heading out to hunt for over 300 chocolate eggs, which had been hidden across the school site. Whilst the event was not a competition, a shout out must go to Caroline, 7C, and Naomi, 7C, who managed to collect over fifty eggs - to be shared between them!

Ms Kingscott, Assistant Head of Year 12, told us more about the event: "My favourite part of the event was seeing the students strategise how to collect the most eggs. They allocated areas and even special 'calls' to notify their group members they had found more eggs! Egg hunting was clearly a serious business. Beyond that, it was so heartwarming to see the students take the time to share their eggs equally and even offer up eggs to students who had collected fewer than them. It really was a lovely atmosphere."

Thank you to everyone who helped run the event. It sounds like it was an egg-cellent time.



Last week we asked our students to share thank yous cards with staff. This was to give our students the chance to acknowledge the hard work and commitment their teachers put into supporting our student community every day.

Over the course of the week we had an amazing 929 thank you cards from our students. Staff were delighted to receive so many thank yous and the staff who received them all commented that each student thank you truly made their day. Thank you to our wonderful student community for your enormous show of gratitude!

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Sixth Form Update - Mr Peacock

YAs 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 their 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 organised the 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 cando 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 PPE week in the week beginning Monday 3rd June, and will have their work experience week in the week beginning Monday 10th June.

Lady Bankes Science Day



On Monday 25th March, Ruislip High School welcomed in a group of Year 5 students from Lady Bankes Primary School for a Science Transition Day.

The students had a fantastic time, with a jam-packed schedule. The day was split into three sessions. Firstly, students attended a two-hour workshop in the EcoHub including: safety in labs; solution & filtering; and using microscopes to look at crystals and cells. The students then enjoyed their lunch in the outside area of the EcoHub, having the opportunity to explore the pond before leaving.

Thank you to the RHS Science Department for organising and leading the day. The next Science Transition Day sessions will take place in April 2024.

Year 13 A Level Drama Examination



On Thursday 28th March, after the majority of the school finishes for Easter, Year 13 Drama students will be performing an extract from The Welkin by Lucy Kirkwood, in the style of director Polly Findlay. The Year 13 A-level Drama students have been working exceptionally hard, which was clear to see during their dress rehearsal, which they performed to a number of staff on Wednesday 27th March.

Mr Randall, Curriculum Leader for Drama, said: "I expect to see Year 13 well rewarded for their hard work and dedication. Although practical exams are always nervewracking, I feel confident that the incredible efforts the students have gone to to ensure that their performance is as seamless as possible will be reflected in their grades. Two of the five brilliant students from this class are going into the theatre industry as they depart Ruislip High School this summer, and the school is lucky to have had such an exceptional cohort of Drama students."

Good luck to the class for the exam!

Easter Revision Sessions



During the Easter holiday, the school will be hosting a range of tuition/intervention sessions. Details of the sessions that are running can be found <u>here</u>. Please note that some sessions are invite only; these sessions are designed specifically for the needs of the students who are invited.

When attending these sessions:

- 1. Students are not required to wear school uniform;
- 2. Students should wait outside the front of school to be let in by the member of staff running the session;

3. Students should be on time for the session – no one will be available to let them in if they are late;

- 4. Students should sign in as they arrive and sign out when they leave;
- 5. Any student disrupting the learning of others will be asked to leave.

6. The school does not take responsibility for students who inform parents/guardians that they are going to be at school for revision but fail to arrive.

Should parents/guardians have any questions, please contact the member of staff hosting the session via the main school office before the end of term.

PE NEWS

First Aid

So far this year Ruislip High PE department have successfully passed 82 students through their First Aid course. All the students who passed the course received their certificates in their celebration assemblies. Well done for your excellent work.



Sports Colours

We are very pleased to announce the first students to receive their sports colours awards at Ruislip High School. 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.



Sporting Excellence Colours (Platinum Award)

These can be awarded to any student consistently representing the District, Region, Middlesex County or Higher in their chosen sport. The students who qualified for this award this term are:

Lucas C - participates in Taekwondo, competed in five National Competitions and won three medals.

Eve A - participates in swimming outside of school, regularly competes and has received medals when competing in club championships, county level as well as the London Youth Games. Eve has also competed at the Irish nationals for swimming.

Zayn A - 60m and 100m sprint. He has won first place at the Middlesex Championships twice for both the 60m and 100m sprint. He has also competed at the South of England Championships and got second place for the 100m.

Elena L - competes in hammer throwing. She has represented Hillingdon in the Middlesex Schools county championship and won Gold with 33.29m.

Sam W - has recently competed for the National Academy of GB U19s squad NAGS and he won first place in the regionals.

Sam L - last year won first place at the European Championships for his acrobatic performance.

Finley B - last season won the U14s Middlesex County Cup with Ickenham Football Club.

Ellie M - competes in Irish dancing and achieved fifth place at the world qualifier.

Kiera B - has participated in county regionals and also the London Youth Games for her swimming. Last year she won silver for the 4x50m freestyle relay at the London Youth Games.



Would you like to support our school community, by building stronger links between parents, staff and students? Why not get involved in our Parent Association Group: Friends of Ruislip High School - contact Ms Ohana via the school office: office@ruisliphigh.org.uk to join us next term.

Notices:

Key Dates:

Thursday 28th March 2024 Battlefields Trip Departs

Monday 1st April 2024 Year 8 Football Trip Departs

Monday 15th April 2024 Start of the Summer Term

Tuesday 16th April 2024 Year 10 Theatre Trip

Wednesday 17th April -Friday 19th April 2024 Years 7-9 Technology Workshops

Tuesday 30th April 2024 -6pm Friends of Ruislip High Meeting

Letters Home

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Year 8 Football Holland Trip -- Final Information <u>Click here</u>

Year 11 - GCSE English Easter Revision <u>Click here</u>

Out of school opportunities (not linked to the school):

Public Services Careers Day -05/04/2024 <u>Click here</u>

We would love to welcome you!