

RHS Values Champions:

Top 5 Attendance:

- 7A - 97.33%
- 7S - 96.98%
- 7F - 96.96%
- 8W - 96.40%
- 7D - 96.04%

(attendance calculated until 02/02/2024)

HoY Shout Out - Year 11:

A shout out to **Lierta, 11W** for being an all round fantastic student. Lierta is consistently polite and considerate to all members of staff. Her attitude to school life embodies all of the RHS values and several members of staff appreciate her contributions towards making RHS a pleasant and friendly community.

Mr Sills - Head of Year 11

Subject Shout Out - Music:

A huge well done to **Layla, 10S**, for her outstanding effort in Art. Layla puts in 100% to all of her work and as a result everything she produces is of high quality. She should be very proud of all her efforts towards her GCSE Art so far.

Miss Hill - Curriculum Leader for Art



A message from Mr Davies:

As we draw to the end of an exceptionally busy half term, I would like to start by thanking all members of our community for their continued support. I would like to say a particular thank you to all the parents/guardians of Year 8 students who attended yesterday afternoon's Year 8 parents' evening. Attendance was over 95% and I would like to give a special mention to the Friends of Ruislip High School who now sell a large selection of pre-owned school uniform. I also know the Friends are always happy to receive more uniform donations and these can be handed in at the school reception.

This week saw the school mark safer internet day and I am conscious there is a separate article later in this bulletin but just wanted to thank Mrs Poddar for taking the lead on organising the school's tutor time activities. Should parents/guardians want further information about online safety there is a comprehensive section on the school website that can be found [here](#).

I often talk of Ruislip High School being a school both in, and for, the community. I have had the pleasure over the last two weeks to welcome to the school our local member of parliament, Steve Tuckwell MP, last week and this week, Group Captain, Jonathan Hough, station commander of RAF Northolt. Here at the school we are very proud of the partnership work we have undertaken with our neighbours at RAF Northolt and service children have priority admission criteria due to the school's proximity to the base. It was great to discuss with Station Commander Hough future collaborative projects we could undertake as we were clear of our shared belief that our organisations should be at the heart of the local community.

Finally, I would like to wish all of the community a peaceful half-term break, and I look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 19th February 2024.

Year 12 Update: The New Student Leadership Team

Student Leadership Team 2024

Since joining in September 2023, Year 12 have made an outstanding impression - both in the Sixth Form and across the school. They have shown they are all keen to work hard and be a part of the RHS community, as reflected in their conduct in lessons and around the school.

However, this half term, a number of the Year 12s have gone one step further by putting themselves forward to represent the school as one of its student school leaders. As a result, we are delighted to announce the appointment of the new Sixth Form Student Leadership Team. This comprises a group of 33 hard-working Year 12 students who epitomise the values we uphold at Ruislip High School. These individuals underwent a formal application process and were interviewed by former student leaders.

The students showed high levels of maturity and dedication during this process and effectively communicated their passions to support the wider school community. In their roles, they will be responsible for supporting whole-school events such as parents' evenings, options evening, and fundraising events as well as conducting various duties around the school.

Head Student Candidates:

Alexia, Anastasia, Benjamin, Kimaya and Luke

Head of Year 7:

Hiruni and Julia

Head of Year 8:

Zoi and Amelia

Head of Year 9:

Amber and Giselle

Head of Year 10:

Ava-Pearl and Bianca

Head of Year 11:

Klea and Nisham

Head of Student Wellbeing:

Rosaleen, Emily, Annabelle and Emilia

Head of Mentoring:

Antonia and Kamran

Head of Fundraising:

Emily, Yusuf and Georgia

Head of Events:

Jess, Gracie, Achilles, Riya

Head of Equalities and Diversity:

Nathan, Hayley and Priya

Head of Above and Beyond Clubs:

Will and Matthew

Year 11 Music Recital & GCSE Performance Exams

This week our Year 11 GCSE Music students have been very busy completing their final GCSE music performance examinations. Although nerve wracking, the performances are an important part of the students final GCSE music grade.

The seventeen students recorded their pieces - from piano, to drums, to guitar, to vocals - ready to be sent to the exam board, who will assess them.

The exams follow on from the beautiful Year 11 Music Recital event, which took place on Wednesday 17th January 2024. This event gave all of the students the chance to practise their examination pieces in a performance setting, in front of their friends and family.

Ms Nastou, Curriculum Leader for Music, said: "I am very proud of all the hard work our Year 11 GCSE music students put towards their recital. The repertoire they performed ranged from classical and jazz to indie rock music which meant there was something for every music taste. They all deserve a restful, half term break now!"



Key Stage Three Go Wild in Animal Club

We are excited to share some fantastic news about our students' recent adventures in the fascinating world of animals, specifically through the thrilling Animal Club. This term, our students had the unique opportunity to get up close and personal with an array of reptiles, including snakes, as part of their exploration into the animal kingdom.

Animal Club, one of the many clubs offered as part of our school's Above & Beyond Programme, has become a hub of excitement. Led by the Science department, our budding zoologists had the chance to interact with some incredible creatures, gaining valuable insights into their behaviours and habitats, and the importance of conservation.



Snakes, often misunderstood creatures, took centre stage during one of the sessions, providing students with a chance to overcome fears and misconceptions. Under the guidance of expert handlers, our students discovered the significance of these reptiles in maintaining a balanced ecosystem.

The hands-on experience not only fostered a sense of curiosity and wonder, but also encouraged teamwork and collaboration among the participants. Learning about these creatures in a real-world context enhances our students' understanding of biology, ecology.



As we celebrate the success of the Animal Club, we want to remind all parents and students of the vast array of other opportunities available through our Above & Beyond programme. With over 50 clubs ranging from robotics, chess and cookery club to fencing, netball and football, there's something for every student to explore.

The good news is there are still some places available in some of our clubs, including Animal Club. If your child would like to join a club, please sign up for their preferred clubs on SOCS (School Online Club System).

We are immensely proud of our students and their enthusiasm for learning beyond the classroom. The Above & Beyond programme is a testament to our commitment to providing a well-rounded education that goes above and beyond the ordinary. We look forward to seeing our students embark on even more extraordinary adventures next half term.

Coming Up: Year 10 and Year 11 PPEs

We would just like to remind all parents that next half term there will be another round of Year 11 PPEs for the core subjects of English, Maths and Science. These PPEs will take place between the 11th-14th March 2024. The timetable can be found [here](#).

If you would like to support your child at home with their revision, please find a link to our 'Making the Grade' booklet for Year 11 [here](#).

In addition, the Year 10 PPEs will also take place next half term between the 18th-22nd March. The Year 10 PPE timetable can be found [here](#).

To help students prepare fully for these assessments at home, please find the link to the Year 10 revision resources booklet [here](#).

We want to wish all of the students well in their upcoming assessments - and to remember that the school very much believes that hard work equals success. We hope that all students use revision materials made available to them ahead of the PPEs, so that they feel confident ahead of these upcoming assessments.



Sports Fixtures & PE News:

Year 8 Girls' Football Results



On Thursday 1st February, 2024, Hillingdon Borough held a U13's Girls' Football nine-a-side tournament. A team of RHS students played four group games; the girls won every match and did not concede any goals.

Following this, the girls' team went on to play Haydon in the semi final, where they heavily dominated but couldn't find the net. However, our team ended up beating Haydon on penalties. In the final, the RHS team played Swakeleys, where our team got a comfortable win - scoring 4-0 in the final.

Well done to all of the Year 8 students who were involved - it was a truly outstanding effort and what an incredible final result! You should all feel very proud.

Year 7 and 8 Basketball Fixture

On Tuesday 30th January 2024, our Year 7 and Year 8 basketball teams were invited to play a fixture at ASC Hillingdon. It was a great learning experience for RHS having the opportunity to play inside an incredible venue, against developed basketball teams.

In the end, it was ASC Hillingdon who emerged victorious, by a comfortable margin in both games. However, despite not bringing home a win, our students still played valiantly; showing off a range of excellent game skills and techniques. We are sure that as they continue to grow as a team, their confidence will only grow.



Basketball is one of our most popular Above & Beyond Clubs, led by Mr Joseph. It is wonderful to see our students taking their interest in the sport beyond their PE lessons and their attendance at the enrichment club and playing competitively. We are sure that over time they will soon see success on the court!



Trust News: Raising funds for school uniforms in Gambia

On Tuesday 13th February 2024, thirteen young Metropolitan volunteer police cadets will travel to Gambia to help renovate a school.

Three volunteer cadets from Hillingdon were successful in applying for this once in a lifetime opportunity, two of which are from schools in the Trust. Harry Farrell, Year 11 at Vyners School, and Charlie Kenworthy, Year 11 at Ruislip High School, will be joined by another Hillingdon cadet, Joseph McKay.

As part of their effort to support the community, the cadets would especially like to raise funds to purchase school uniforms. Students in Gambia are unable to attend school without a uniform; for as little as £5 per student, however, a uniform can be supplied, enabling them to access education.

[Click here](#) for the Trust flyer on the fundraiser, which shares full details of the project.

The cadets have set up a GoFundMe page where people can donate towards purchasing uniforms for the students ([click here](#)). Their target is £1,000 which will pay for two hundred student uniforms.



UKMT Maths Challenge

On Wednesday 31st January, students from Year 10 and Year 11 took part in the UKMT Maths Challenge. This annual event saw students from both Year 10 and Year 11 immerse themselves in a range of challenging maths problems, which required students to stretch themselves beyond the GCSE curriculum.

The UKMT Maths Challenge is a prestigious competition that brings together students from across the country to showcase their mathematical prowess. Ruislip High School has been a participant in this event for many years, as we believe our students should have the chance to apply their mathematical knowledge beyond the classroom.

In the past, our school has demonstrated remarkable success, reaching the UKMT national final. This year, as our students once again take on the challenge, we hope to see the same level of success again.

Mr. Hankin, Assistant Headteacher, stated: "The UKMT is an amazing opportunity for our students to put their brilliant maths skills to the test. Our students relish the chance to compete every year, and we wish them every success!"

Good luck to all of the students who entered.



Year 9 Trip to The British Library



On Monday 29th January, Miss Forde and Miss Rickards led a trip to the British Library with 30 of our Year 9 students. This trip was designed to enhance our students' cultural capital and provide them with a glimpse of the rich resources available at one of the world's leading libraries.

The British Library visit offered an immersive experience, exposing our students to a vast array of literature and historical artefacts. It was an opportunity for them to witness firsthand what opportunities are on offer to them so close to home, as the British Library is only a short train ride away at Kings Cross Station.

What was exciting about the trip was that all the students who attended had applied for their place via a competitive application process, run by the English department. Students were asked to write an argument for a book, which they believe should be taught as part of our English curriculum at school.

Next half term, all Year 9 students will be studying 'Noughts and Crosses' by Malorie Blackman and the application process was a fantastic way to get the Year 9s engaging with a love of reading and literature. Well done to the students who were successful in the process and got to attend the trip as a result of their brilliant arguments!

Safer Internet Day

connect.
reflect.
protect.



On Tuesday 6th February, our school participated in Safer Internet Day, a global initiative aimed at promoting a safer and more responsible use of online technology. The theme for this year's event was 'Inspiring Change', challenging our students to focus on making a positive impact, managing their influence, and navigating change in the ever-evolving digital landscape.

During tutor time, students engaged in thought-provoking discussions and activities centred around Safer Internet Day. The theme 'Inspiring Change' prompted students to explore ways in which they can contribute to a safer and more positive online environment. The focus on managing influence resonated strongly with our students, who discussed the impact of social media, online communities, and digital content on their lives. Students also explored topics such as online safety and privacy.

Safer Internet Day provides a valuable opportunity for our students not only to learn about responsible online behaviour, but also to consider the broader implications of their actions in the digital world. As a school community, we are committed to empowering our students with the knowledge and skills needed to navigate the online world safely and responsibly.

We encourage you to continue the conversation at home, discussing the insights and lessons your child gained from Safer Internet Day.

Equality Week
Monday 19th - Friday 23rd February 2024

Vanguard Learning Trust's annual equality week will be held the week beginning Monday 19th February 2024. Schools in the Trust have collaborated to provide opportunities for students across all year groups to explore the theme of equality and diversity.

Ruislip High School

At Ruislip High School the whole school will be taking part in a variety of activities that focus on equality and diversity. During tutorials students will be exploring and discussing inclusion, gender, sexuality, disability and race. In addition, the following workshops and presentations will be delivered to various year groups.

Kathak dancing



Year 8 students will be taking part in a Kathak dance workshop led by the [Sujata Banerjee Dance Company \(SBDC\)](#).

Kathak dancing is one of the most elegant dance forms of India and revolves around the concept of storytelling.

Gamelan music workshop

Year 7 music lessons will focus on students performing traditional gamelan music. Students will use percussion instruments to perform ensemble music from Indonesia.

Cultural Day

All students will be encouraged to wear traditional clothing that represents their culture.

Guest speaker

There will be a presentation to Year 7 delivered by a volunteer member from The Guide Dogs charity. Should you wish to make a donation please follow [this](#) link.



Cultural cooking

Year 9 students will learn how to cook a traditional Moroccan couscous dish which they will be able to take home and share with their family.

Equality Week

Just a reminder that Monday 19th February, 2024, is the start of the Trust Equality Week.

This week will give our students plenty of opportunities to engage with a range of cultures and backgrounds that reflect our diverse school community.

As the week is being celebrated across the Trust, there are plenty of events taking place across all of our schools. Please [click here](#) to view the Trust Equality Week flyer to find out what is happening at all of the VLT schools.



Notices:

Key Dates:

Monday 19th February 2024
Start of Equality Week

Thursday 22nd February 2024
Year 10 and Year 11 Musical Theatre Trip

Tuesday 27th February 2024
Year 11 and Year 13 Art Trip

Thursday 29th February 2024 - 4:30pm-7:00pm
Year 9 Options Evening

Letters Home

Ofsted Report
[Click here](#)

Update to Parents -
02/02/24
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Year 12 Parents' Evening
Letter
[Click here](#)

Out of school
opportunities (not
linked to the school):
Half Term Basketball Club
[Click here](#)

Brilliant Parents Newsletter:
[Click here](#)

Hillingdon Winter Wellness
Directory:
[Click here](#)

VLT - Finance Officer
Vacancy - [click here](#)

Parents' Evenings

We would like to say thank you to all of the families who attended our recent Year 11 and Year 8 Parents' Evenings.

Your attendance played a pivotal role in strengthening the bond between our school and home. Parents' evening is a chance to celebrate the progress of your children, set academic goals, and collaborate on the next steps on their path to success.

Thank you for your continued support. Just a reminder that our next Parents' Evening will be on Thursday 7th March for Year 12.

FRIENDS of Ruislip High School

Calling all pre-loved uniform! The Friends of Ruislip High School are running low on some of their second-hand uniform and would love to see some donations to add to their stock.

If you find yourself with any uniform that your child has outgrown, but is still in a good and clean condition, and you are willing to donate - please drop it off at the school office. All donations would be much appreciated.

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