

RHS Values Champions:

Top 5 Attendance:

- C60 - 97.56%
- 8A - 97.33%
- 8F - 96.67%
- 8S - 96.45%
- 10B - 96%

(attendance calculated until 08/03/2024)

HoY Shout Out - Year 8:

A huge well done to every member of the **Year 8 Boys' Football Team** for their excellent performance in the County Cup Final. They narrowly missed out on a win, losing 6-5 in the game. Regardless, the team gave spectacular performances in every single match of the season. You should be so proud of reaching the final.

Mr Cahill - Head of Year 8

Subject Shout Out - Computer Science:

I would like to say well done to **Velizar, Year 11**, for his consistent effort in GCSE Computer Science. He is determined and shows real self-discipline in his approach to his studies. Keep it up!

**Ms Poddar - Curriculum Leader for
Computer Science**



A message from Mr Davies:

Having the opportunity to read this bulletin before writing my introductory comments I am struck again at just how much goes on in two weeks at Ruislip High School. Whether it be celebrating World Book Day; inviting a host of Hillingdon schools to join us in our love of maths; Languages week one week, STEAM week the next; and GCSE Drama performances to top it all off, it really does exemplify all that is great about the school.

I would like to acknowledge this week that all of these activities would not happen without the dedicated team of staff that I am immensely proud to lead. Our students' behaviour throughout the past two weeks has also been excellent and attending the languages breakfast with Year 9s was a real highlight of my year to date; I must say their French and Spanish accents were significantly better than mine as we ordered our breakfast in one or other of the languages.

This week has also seen Year 11 students undertake additional PPE examinations in the core subjects of English, maths and science. I believe the experience and results of these examinations will support our students in making sure they are in a position to perform to the very best of their potential in the summer examination series.

Finally, I had the pleasure last weekend to attend the annual conference of the Association of School and College Leaders. Spending time with other school leaders provided me with time to reflect on what a privilege it is to be involved in leading a school where young people truly thrive. I know this is a genuine team effort achieved by exceptionally hard working staff working in partnership with our parent body. I wanted to finish by thanking you all for that support that allows us together to ensure that all students at Ruislip High School really do 'reach for the sky'.

RHS Languages Week

From Monday 4th March to Friday 8th March, 2024, students at RHS got to enjoy a range of activities beyond the classroom to celebrate the importance of languages. The school's annual Languages Week is always a highlight of the calendar - and this year was no exception!

The MFL department organised a packed week with different events for our Key Stage Three students. Firstly, everyone in Years 7, 8 and 9 got to watch at least one play either in French or Spanish. The French play was called *Le Cours D'art* and the Spanish play was called *Reserva Duplicada*. Both performances were greatly enjoyed by students, whilst putting their language skills to the test.

On Wednesday and Thursday during the week, students had the opportunity to watch the Pixar film 'The Elementals' in either French or Spanish. These popular evenings were well attended, with students enjoying free popcorn, provided by our local Ruislip Cineworld.

Finally, the highlight of the week was the annual Languages Breakfast, which was attended by over 100 Year 9 students and hosted by our Year 10 Language Ambassadors. The breakfast gives our Year 10 students a direct chance to promote the power of languages to our Year 9 students and encourage them to choose either French or Spanish as a GCSE option. As always, the breakfast was a lively, vibrant morning and all of the students who attended had a wonderful time.

Jess, Year 9, said: "I enjoyed the opportunity to speak to the Year 10s at the Languages Breakfast. They were so passionate about choosing language GCSEs and were very convincing. The food was delicious too!"

Thank you to the MFL department for leading on such a fantastic week for our students.



GCSE Drama: Practical Examination

On Friday 15th March, the Year 11 GCSE Drama students completed their practical examinations, in front of an external examiner.

Ahead of the final examination, the seven performance groups completed a dress rehearsal on Thursday 14th March to an audience of delighted staff and students. The GCSE Drama class have worked incredibly hard and hopefully will receive the excellent marks they deserve for their pieces. With a wide range of plays being performed, from writers such as David Mamet, Samuel Beckett and Martin McDonagh, this is one of the most exciting GCSE classes we have had in recent years.

Mr Randall, Curriculum Leader for Drama, said: "I couldn't be more proud of Year 11. They've worked so hard on these extracts and the quality of their performances are a testament to their determination. This class really embodies the concept of hard work equalling success."

World Book Day 2024



At Ruislip High School, we believe that reading is fundamental for all of our students, so this year's World Book Day, on Thursday 7th March, 2024, saw the return of 'Follow The Story', an activity where students read a section of a short story at the start of every lesson and finish the story by the end of the day. This year the students read the short story 'The Typewriter' and much debate was had over if the ending was clever and thought-provoking or simply just lazy from the writer! [Click here](#) to read the story.

We also ran our 'Masked Reader' challenge during tutorial where students were asked to guess which member of staff was reading behind the mask. Overall, the day was another successful World Book Day where every student in Ruislip High was involved.

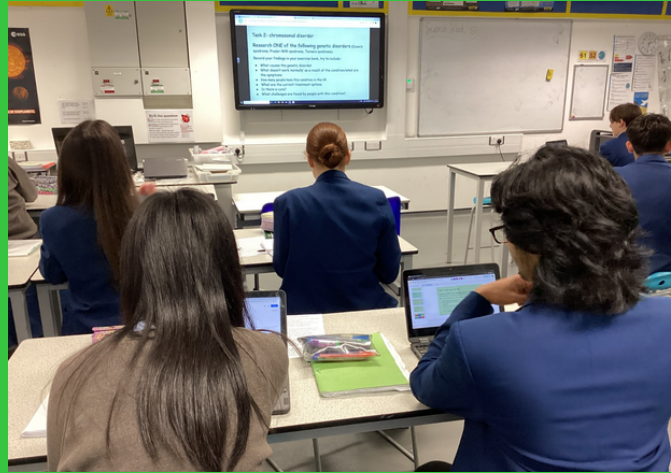
STEAM WEEK AT RHS

From Monday 11th March, 2024, students across RHS got to enjoy STEAM week. This week dedicated to science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics gave students a wide range of opportunities to explore these subject areas beyond the classroom.

Year 7 students learnt about forensics and looked at techniques such as chromatography, fingerprinting, DNA fingerprinting and blood-spatter analysis. Year 8 students completed an engineering challenge building spaghetti bridges and students in Year 9 considered how life exists in the most extreme environments.

Meanwhile, Year 10 students learnt about genetic disorders and considered the difficulties faced by individuals and their families. As part of this week the students watched Five Feet Apart, a film about two young people living with cystic fibrosis.

Ms Hide, Director of Science told us: "There have been plenty of activities for students to get involved in during STEAM Week and it has been wonderful to see how much students have gained. I believe that there is something for everyone to love in the STEAM fields and this week has given students a chance to explore this."



Year 11 Exam Support

As we move further into the second half of the year, our attention begins to be drawn to the GCSE and BTEC examinations in the summer term. To prepare the Year 11 students for their examinations, we have put together a comprehensive timetable of interventions and tuition sessions that can be found here. This timetable is likely to be updated as we get closer to the summer term and we will update parents accordingly.

In addition, we are opening the LCC before school and during lunch times, to give our Year 11 students a quiet space to study or complete coursework. This is an incredibly important period for our exam groups and we ask for parents to support us in encouraging students to make full use of the support provided.



Year 11 Update - Mr Sills

Year 11s have had another productive week in preparation for the summer exam season, with core subject pre-public examinations (PPEs) taking place. It has been impressive to see the students working hard revising ahead of these PPEs and attending the many intervention sessions being run by subjects across the school.

This is a crucial time for Year 11 and the year groups' determination to succeed and put in the extra effort required in the run up to their GCSEs is highly commendable. It is important that students are attending school on time and every day, as every lesson counts: students' attendance at school is directly linked to their progress and will impact how well they perform in their exams.

The summer exam season will begin in earnest on Thursday 9th May, 2024, and I would like to take this opportunity to wish the students well in these crucial weeks ahead.

Maths 24 Challenge



On Wednesday 13th March, 2024, our school hosted the annual VLT Maths 24 Challenge. The challenge is a maths puzzle in which the objective is to find a way to manipulate four integers so that the end result is 24. For example, for the numbers 4, 7, 8, 8, a possible solution is $(7 - (8 \div 8)) \times 4 = 24$.

As a school we were delighted to host a number of schools from around the Trust, including Field End Primary School and Oakwood Primary School. All of the students worked diligently on the challenges and there was a real buzz in E201 throughout the event.

Mr Ladhani, Director of Maths said: "It's great to see so many enthusiastic young people come together to compete against each other testing their numeracy skills in a Game of 24."

Thank you to all students and to the teachers who had helped to prepare the participants.

RHS Mentioned in The House of Commons

Ruislip High School recently got a shout out in the House of Commons! Steve Tuckwell, MP for Hillingdon and Uxbridge mentioned the school's recent outstanding Ofsted review in the Chamber earlier this week. [Click here](#) to see a clip of the moment the school was mentioned.



A Message from LBH Home to School Transport

Does your child have transport arrangements for attending and leaving RHS?

If your child no longer requires transportation (as they are **leaving** the school) and therefore their circumstances have changed, LBH home to school transport needs to be informed via the link below.

In order for passenger transport to process **new** applications and have transport in place for September 2024, applications will need to be submitted by 30th June 2024.

The link to apply is as follows:

www.hillingdon.gov.uk/travelassistance

NB: If there is no change to circumstances i.e. no change of school, current arrangements will continue. This information is directed at joiners/leavers.

Passenger transport would like to thank you for your cooperation and wish you a very happy and peaceful Easter break.

PE NEWS

Holland Football Tour Information Evening - Monday 25th March 2024

We are very excited about the upcoming Year 8 Football trip, which will be taking place in April 2024. We wanted to remind parents/guardians of students attended the trip about the information evening on Monday 25th March 2024 at 5pm - 5:30pm. The evening will inform you of all the details needed for the trip.

Prior to this meeting we need your child's European or General Health Insurance Card and Passport ahead of the trip; please ask your child to bring these to Mrs Kettle in school by Friday 22nd March. These will then be kept in a safe at school until our departure.



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 [here](#). 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.



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.

We would love to welcome you!

Notices:

Key Dates:

Monday 18th March 2024
Start of Year 10 PPE Week

Wednesday 20th March 2024
Year 9 Vaccinations

Tuesday 5th March 2024
Year 12/13 Apprenticeship Trip

Thursday 28th March 2024
End of Term at Midday

Thursday 28th March 2024
Battlefields Trip Departs

Monday 1st April 2024
Year 8 Football Trip Departs

Letters Home

Update to Parents - 08/03/24
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Year 13 Leavers' Ball
[Click here](#)

Year 13 Student Finance
[Click here](#)

Battlefields Trip - Final Arrangements
[Click here](#)