

Ruislip High School NEWSLETTER

Summer 2024

Sports Day



On Tuesday 2nd July 2024 students from Years 7 to 10 enjoyed a fantastic day at Hillingdon Athletics Track.

The day was filled with enthusiasm and friendly competition as Years 7 to 9 participated in a variety of track and field events. From sprints to long jumps, our young athletes showcased their talents and sportsmanship. This was supported by our fantastic Year 10 GCSE PE students, who helped ensure each event ran smoothly.

Students had the opportunity to compete in one track, one field and one relay race in order to gain as many points as possible for their form classes. It was lovely to see the number of students who had picked middle distance running event and there were some huge throws in the hammer!

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HEADTEACHER'S NEWS



I write this article at the end of another action-packed term at Ruislip High School. Our students have yet again shone in various academic and extracurricular activities and this newsletter is filled with so much achievement from the remarkable young people who make the school the vibrant community it is.

I did want to acknowledge that the beginning of this term was affected by tragedy with the untimely deaths of two members of our community. Our thoughts continue to go out to the families and friends of the two boys and I would like to acknowledge the resilience of our Year 11 students in particular regarding how they dealt with such tragic news.

Rather than the customary Ruislip High School activities week that has been a feature of the past two summer terms, this year we launched an even more ambitious activities programme that saw trips, activities and alternative timetable days operating over a number of weeks at the end of term. The idea was to spread the activities out over a longer period in order to give staff and students more time to recover following feedback that had been received last year. As you can see from this newsletter the activities programme provided more opportunities than ever at the school.

Our intention for next year is to do even more to ensure there is a coordinated extended curriculum offer at Ruislip High School available throughout the academic year. As well as being a centre of real academic excellence we are committed to ensuring that our students thrive outside of the classroom and this is clearly evident in this newsletter.

My one disappointment regarding the programme we have run in the summer term has been that attendance for some of the days has been significantly down on the excellent rates we are used to. I will be seeking parental and student feedback next term regarding any reasons for this and what we can do to ensure the end of term is a genuinely inclusive experience for all.

I often try to celebrate the achievements of our student community and I have been particularly impressed this term by the sporting achievements of our students. It is great to not only see these achievements recognised in this newsletter but to see all of our sports stars recognised in our inaugural 'sports presentation evening' this July.

HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

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Although most of Ruislip High School's staff and students will be enjoying a well-earned rest over the summer, I did want to mention our team of drama students who are going to perform at the world famous Edinburgh fringe festival, another first for Ruislip High School. The science department will also be embarking on their second conservation project to South Africa. I have no doubt that both activities will provide unforgettable experiences for our students as well as being real highlights of future editions of this newsletter.

Although the term has been dominated by extra curricular success and achievement, it is important to remember teaching and learning will always be our core business and I wanted to emphasise how impressively our examination year groups approached the summer exams. Our A Level and GCSE results days will take place on the 17th and 24th August 2023 respectively and I have no doubt that they will be celebratory days at the school.

Finally, I would like to sign off for the academic year by thanking parents and staff for ensuring that Ruislip High School continues to go from strength to strength. I wish you all a restful summer and have no doubt that the 2024-2025 academic year will see yet more outstanding achievements in academic, creative and sporting fields from our incredible students.

SPORTS DAY

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Meanwhile, the rest of Year 10 took on a different set of challenges, including five-a-side football and the creative task of building marshmallow towers. These activities emphasised teamwork and strategy allowing students to bond and enjoy the day in a unique way.



Prior to Sports Day each form created banners with the theme of the Paris 2024 Olympics. Students paraded these amazing displays of artwork on the track.



SPORTS DAY

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Overall, Sports Day was a huge success, promoting community spirit. Our students returned home with great memories and a sense of accomplishment. The winners of the day are below.

Year 7	Year 8
1st 7S 161 points	1st 8B 162 points
2nd 7F 150 points	2nd 8D 131 points
3rd 7W 144 points	3rd 8C 125 points
4th 7D 121 points	4th 8W 115 points
5th 7C 118 points	5th 8S 112 points
6th 7A 114 points	6th 8A 102 points
7th 7B 103 points	7th 8F 98 points

A huge thank you to the PE Department for organising such a wonderful day for our school community.

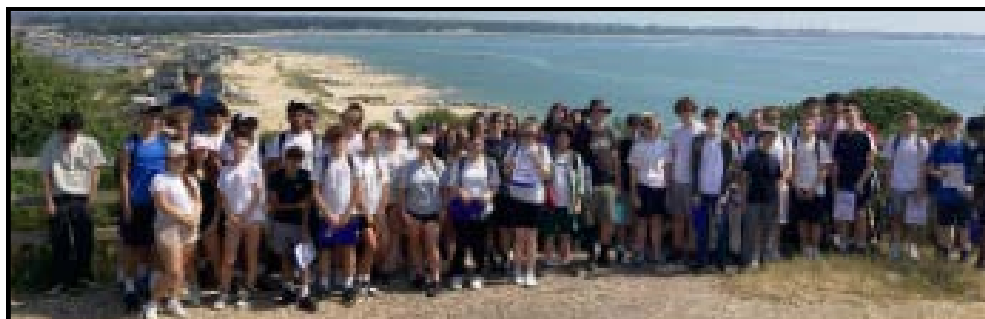


GEOGRAPHY NEWS

The Geography Department has been pleased to organise field trips in the summer term for Year 10 and Year 12 students. Meanwhile, Year 8 students have carried out fieldwork on the school site.

GCSE Geography

In June 2024, Year 10 students were interested to see the large-scale coastal engineering works taking place at Hengistbury Head in Dorset. This was part of the GCSE Geography field trip to the south coast. Read more about the erosion management works at the website [here](#). Students had two enquiry questions, based on human and physical Geography, to help prepare them for GCSE Paper 3 which they will sit in the summer of 2025.



Meanwhile, Year 11 students showed superb effort as they revised for their public exams. GCSE Geography students can revise with their exercise books along with 'Megabook' revision guides, quizzes and past exam papers on Google Classroom. The picture here shows how the online classrooms appear to students. The department looks forward to seeing the Year 11s again on their GCSE results day, and many students returning for A-level Geography in the Sixth Form.

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GEOGRAPHY NEWS

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A-level Geography

Assessment of A-level Geography is challenging, with two 2.5-hour exams (Physical Geography and Human Geography). The department was impressed with students' approach to the revision period. This year the students faced exam questions on areas including water resource management, and how changes in the carbon cycle might affect tropical storms. Good luck for results day!

The department visited the Norfolk coastline for a four-day residential field trip in June with Year 12 students. The aim of the visit was for students to collect data for their NEA (non-exam assessment) coursework projects. In Cromer, students and staff were interested to see a £25m project under way to bolster the sea defences.



GEOGRAPHY NEWS

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Key Stage 3 Geography

Students in Years 7–9 have continued to show a positive attitude towards the subject, and the department is looking forward to teaching more than 115 students starting GCSE Geography as Year 10s in September. Year 9 students have investigated the Geography of transport conflicts this term. For example, they have deliberated the plan for a new cruise ship port on the island of Grand Cayman, and also studied the latest HS2 map with the high-speed rail track now ending in Birmingham.

The latest map of HS2 from BBC News



Year 8s have investigated weather and climate, including collecting weather data around the school site. Their data was then compared to the climatic average and the Met Office forecast for the day. Year 8s have also studied how climate meetings such as COP26 aim to help slow down global warming. Meanwhile, in the 'Ecosystems and Biodiversity' topic, Year 7 students have studied plant and animal adaptations for environments including hot deserts and tropical rainforests. Year 7s have also studied the development of Ruislip over time, using historical Ordnance Survey maps.

HISTORY NEWS

The History Department said farewell to Years 11 and 13 over the last few weeks. We are pleased to hear that some will be reading History at university and that many of our Year 11 students will return to study History in the Sixth Form.

The summer term saw a busy schedule for the History Department as we embarked on a number of trips around London. On Friday, 5th July, Year 12 travelled to Central London. There they visited the Tower of London, and the 'Six Lives' exhibition at the National Portrait Gallery. At the Tower an excellent tour guide challenged our A-Level students with pertinent questions based on the primary sources that are on display around the Tower.

After a quick lunch stop, students visited an exhibition showcasing sources based around the lives of Henry's six wives. There they saw a number of items on offer – including the first Bible to be written in English, to the costumes used in the musical 'The Six.'



On Tuesday, 9th July the department was pleased to lead a trip which saw all of our Year 8s visit Hampton Court Palace as part of the school's 'Above and Beyond' month. Here, students experienced a range of interesting activities. First, they visited the kitchens which would have assembled the great banquets held in the Tudor era. Later students visited the Tudor apartments themselves – home to the Great Hall, and the corridors leading to Henry VIII's chapel. Famously, it is thought Henry's fourth wife Katherine Howard is said to haunt one of these passages where she pleaded with her husband to spare her life. Thankfully no students reported seeing an apparition. The day also included attempting to conquer the oldest surviving hedge maze in England, commissioned by William III.

HISTORY NEWS

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The history department would like to thank all of our students for their hard work this year and wish them a happy and restful summer.

SIXTH FORM GUEST SPEAKER NEWS

The Sixth Form's guest speaker programme has been running fortnightly since 2016. In the summer term the visiting speakers have included:

- Megan Coney from KISS Sexual Health and Wellbeing Service.
- Hisham Khokhar from Oxford Brookes University.
- Jordan Marajh, a former Ruislip High student speaking about his PhD research.
- Tom Toumazis MBE, speaking about his career in technology and media, as well as his two TED Talks.



Tom Toumazis, awarded an MBE in 2015 for services to children.

If you have a suggestion for a suitable Sixth Form guest speaker based around one of the '3Cs' of careers, current affairs and culture, please email office@ruisliphigh.org.uk for the attention of the Head of Sixth Form.

YEAR 7 NEWS

As we wrap up an eventful school year, we are excited to share the highlights and achievements of our students. The academic year has flown by and Year 7 are no longer the 'tourists' we saw back in September. They have established themselves in the school community and have been taking part in some fantastic opportunities this term. We are immensely proud of our students for their hard work and enthusiasm.

Above and Beyond Month:

This summer term, we celebrated "Above and Beyond Month," a time dedicated to broadening our students' horizons through exciting trips and activities. Our students had the opportunity to explore the wonders of nature and stories in two incredible outings. The trip to the zoo was a thrilling adventure, allowing students to learn about various animals and the importance of wildlife conservation. The visit to the Museum of Stories was equally captivating, where students delved into the magic of storytelling and the rich history of literature.

Science Day:

We dedicated a whole day to science, focusing on the environment and conservation. Our students engaged in hands-on activities and experiments that emphasised the importance of protecting our planet. They learned about sustainable practices, renewable energy sources, and the impact of human actions on the environment. This day was a fantastic opportunity for students to develop a deeper understanding of environmental issues and to think critically about how they can contribute to a more sustainable future.

Family Fishing Trip:

Our first Family Fishing Trip organised by Mr Maud was a huge success, bringing together students, parents, and staff for a day of fishing and relaxation by the water. It was a wonderful occasion for families to enjoy the great outdoors. The smiles on the faces of our students as they caught their first fish were priceless!

Year 7 Boys Basketball:

Our Year 7 boys participated in their first national basketball competition. Competing at a national level was an incredible experience for our young athletes, who displayed remarkable skill, teamwork, and sportsmanship. Although they faced tough competition, they held their own and made us proud with their determination and effort. Mr Joseph presented the team with their NBA jerseys in assembly.

YEAR 7 NEWS

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Celebrating a Successful First Year:

As we conclude this school year, we want to extend our congratulations to all our students for successfully completing their first year of high school. This year has been filled with growth, learning, and new friendships. Our students have shown resilience, adaptability, and a commitment to excellence, both in academics and extracurricular activities. We are proud of each and every one of them for their achievements and progress. We look forward to welcoming them back into Year 8 and seeing what they achieve next.

Ms Loizou

Head of Year 7

YEAR 8 NEWS

As we approach the end of the academic year, it has been a busy few weeks for Year 8. Activities have included day trips to Hampton Court and Sports Day, as well as Careers Day and Love Learning Day which has been a part of the wider Above and Beyond Month. Firstly it was pleasing to hear so much positive feedback from many members of staff, including Mr Sills who led the trip, regarding the positive behaviour demonstrated by the year group in trying British summer conditions.

Sports Day was another highlight of the summer term, seeing so many students participating and competing for their tutor groups. Congratulations to 8B who were the overall winners for Year 8 Sports Day. Keeping with the sporting theme, it was pleasing to see so many students representing Ruislip High School at rounders, cricket and athletics during the summer term and achieving some great victories.

Further congratulations have to go to the students for performing in the Summer Music Concert and the Drama production this term of Wind in the Willows; it is really encouraging to see so many Year 8 students performing already at Ruislip High School.

With regards to participating I would encourage as many students as possible to sign up to Above and Beyond club for September. Whilst academic achievement is important, school is also the opportunity to try and experience new things. Therefore it would be great if as many students as possible in Year 9 sign up.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish everyone the very best summer holidays, enjoying the chance to relax and take a break before returning in Year 9 to start the new year - an important year, as students will begin their first GCSE in Citizenship as well as select their options for their GCSE courses in Year 10 and 11.

Mr Cahill

Head of Year 8

SCIENCE NEWS

The summer term has been another busy one for the Science Department. The most exciting day of the term was the Year 7 Science 'Love Learning' day. Our students took part in a variety of workshops to get them thinking about the world around them and their impact on the world. The day started with a talk from one of our ex-students Brandon Querioz from The Marine Conservation Society. The talk was very thought provoking and our students asked some excellent questions at the end of it.

The students completed a variety of workshops including: a session about our bees and our beehive; an insect hunt using pooters and butterfly nets; a lesson about plastics; a session on the role of zoos in conservation and providing necessary enrichment for animals and an animal handling and animal adaptations workshop. A lot of fun was had by all!



YEAR 9 NEWS

The summer term sees the end of KS3 for Year 9. After an intense start to the year with Citizenship PPE's and the serious decisions around Option Choices for GCSE, the summer term, aside from End of Year exams, has been much more relaxed. I have been consistently proud of the mature way in which Year 9 have prepared and conducted themselves in the formal situations they have found themselves in this year. Many students have been rewarded for their excellent attendance and behaviour in school throughout the year and hopefully have enjoyed the variety of trips they have participated in. Also, well done to those Year 9 students that have started their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award, and we look forward to more trips and extra-curricular activities next year.

A number of our Year 9 students will soon be invited to take part in the Higher Project Qualification. The HPQ is designed to help students broaden their thinking and provides the opportunity for students to pursue a topic or activity that they have a particular interest in. The group, led by Ms Ohana, will choose a range of exciting and challenging topics from: exploring zero emissions travel; the media's portrayal of the LGBTQ+ community; the reliability of human memory and exploring the link between mental health and music. This project has been running for a number of years and we are incredibly excited to see how all of the projects develop over the next academic year.

The Year 9 Robotics Workshop was an engaging and interactive experience designed to introduce students to the exciting world of robotics. The workshop aimed to cultivate students' interest in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) fields and foster their problem-solving skills through hands-on activities and experimentation with robots. Students learned about the components of a robot, including the sensors. In small groups, students were provided with robotics kits containing basic components such as motors, wheels, and sensors. Guided by instructors, students assembled their own simple robots, learning about circuits, programming, and mechanical design in the process. Urrav Macwan 9S said, "I really enjoyed the workshop. It gave us the chance to create our own robot that can complete simple tasks." At the end of the workshop, students engaged in a reflective discussion where they shared their experiences, challenges faced, and lessons learned. They also discussed the real-world applications of robotics and potential career paths in STEM fields.

I would also like to thank parents/carers for their support throughout the year and I look forward to continuing to work with you next year. Students have adjusted very well to the KS4 timetable and are in a good position to start their GCSEs.

Wishing you all a restful summer holiday.

Mr Joseph

Head of Year 9

PE NEWS

More Sports Day news

Sports Day proved to be another amazing day filled with different events and activities for students to compete in.

We had a number of record breakers across the different events. These students have achieved the fastest run, jump or throw in Ruislip High School history.

Long Jump	Xenia G (8B)	3.77m
Discus	Freddie W (7F)	16.30m
	Alyssa L (7A)	14.70 m
High Jump	Finley M-W (7F)	1.50
	Hussein I (8B)	1.70
Shot Put	Luis J (7S)	10.10
	Charlie C (8D)	11.20
Hammer	Rian K (7D)	35.94m
	Nancy T (9S)	33.10m
	Eric R (8C)	35.26m
	Axarei G (8S)	27.37m
100m	Xenia G (8B)	13.7 Secs
	Veer B (9F)	12.01 Secs
200m	Finley M-W (7F)	28 secs
	Mya C (8B)	31 secs
800m	Charlie R (9D)	2 mins 15 sec
600m	Emma M (9B)	1.min 59 secs
300m	Naomi Q (7C)	54 secs
400m	Sidney B (7F)	1.04 secs
	Oscar W (8F)	1.02 Secs
1200m	Charna-Jo B (8A)	4.48 Secs
	Dulcie H (9D)	5.27 secs
Egg and Spoon	9A	23.34 Secs
	8D	33.34 Secs

PE NEWS

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Congratulations to the winning form classes in each year group:

- **7S 161 Points**
- **8B 162 Points**
- **9F 156 Points**



Glebe Sports Day

On Wednesday 19th June and Thursday 20th June we had our Year 10 GCSE students help run Glebe Sports Day for a number of year groups. The students did an excellent job leading individual stations and encouraging all students to take part. The days ran really smoothly thanks to them being supportive and efficient throughout. Well done to all the students!



Eliana R (10B)
Zoe M (10B)
Ruby S (10D)
Eve A (10D)
Bayley B (10B)
Arun B (10S)
Ellie M (10W)
Hannah C (10S)
Adam D (10S)
Lukas S (10B)
Keira B (10D)
Kalina (10D)
Elena L (10C)
Alfie H (10A)
Megan Q (10A)

PE NEWS

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Sports Presentation Evening

On Wednesday 10th July we held our first ever Sports Presentation Evening. Our intentions at Ruislip High School are to give students the opportunity to develop their knowledge and understanding of different sports, and the skills required to participate in a variety of competitive situations. Some students go above and beyond this and have achieved success. This evening was a celebration of this. We were lucky enough to have guest speaker Olympian Laura Turner-Alleyne sharing her experiences and advice.

The first awards of the evening were our Platinum Winners, 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.

Winners: Keira B (10D), Sam L (8C), Ellie M (10W), Lucas C (7D), Sam W (11F), Finley B (10C), Eve A (10D), Zayn A (11W) and Elena L (10C).

This followed by the main winners of the evening:

These students have gone above and beyond this year: not only representing the school but excelling in their sports also. Hopefully we have some further Olympics/world class players/performers on the way.

Year 7 sports performer of the year (female)

Year 7 sports performer of the year (male)

Year 8 sports performer of the year (female)

Year 8 sports performer of the year (male)

Year 9 sports performer of the year (female)

Year 9 sports performer of the year (male)

Year 10 sports performer of the year (female)

Year 10 sports performer of the year (male)

Year 11 sports performer of the year (female)

Year 11 sports performer of the year (male)

Sixth Form sports performer of the year

BTEC sports performer of the year

GCSE sports performer of the year

Team of the year

Lois C (7D)

Lucas C (7D)

Bethany S (8B)

Dragos T (8F)

Eva E (9S)

Charlie R (9D)

Jemima H (10A)

Dexter O (10W)

Alice P (11S)

Zayn A (11W)

Dylan B (C62)

Imogen O-M R (11S)

Sam W (11F)

Year 8 County Cup Finalist (Boys)

Tomas B (8B), Ethan K (8D), James B

(8B), Conor F (8F), Sam H (8D),

Georgi G (8F), Dexter G (8S), Amin A

(8B), Ibrahim H (8F), Oscar W (8F),

Daniel L (8F), Charlie K (8A), Charlie

C (8D), Ashaz S (8B), Dragos T (8F)

Sidney B (9F)

Teachers' player/performer of the year

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YEAR 10 NEWS

Citizenship GCSE Examinations

Year 10 students sat their first round of “real” GCSE examinations in May and June. Their behaviour before and during the exams was exemplary and our Citizenship teachers were really impressed by the work ethic shown by our students as they attended revision sessions with great assiduity.

The wait for the result will surely be long and, for some, a bit painful but I am sure that the great majority of students will be delighted with their results on Friday 22nd August.

We wish everyone to get the results they have worked so hard for!

Duke of Edinburgh

The two Silver Duke of Edinburgh weekends were extremely successful, despite the tricky weather and the outburst of hayfever!

Over the two days, students have walked over 25 kilometres on both the assessed and pre-assessed expeditions. Students have used and demonstrated their map and leadership skills to find their way back to the campsite! Some groups got lost on the first day but rectified their map reading on the next day to make sure they would pass their Silver level.

Back at the campsite, students put their tents up, cooked their dinner and had a well-deserved relaxing time.

Duke of Edinburgh is not only about walking; it is a truly character affirming experience. We had a record of 27 students achieving Silver this year, which shows how resilient Year 10 students are!

Above and Beyond Month

Year 10 students took part in a revamped edition of what used to be Activities Week. Above and Beyond Month took place over several weeks and Year 10 had a few days off timetable to broaden their curriculum and school experience.

All students took part in Career Day during which they were given the opportunity to complete a virtual work experience for famous global companies/ organisations such as Tesla, EDF, Nike or the NHS. Year 10 students also took part in a Career Fair where they could discuss career opportunities with workers from various companies and fields of work. They could also ask questions about further education to access these careers.

YEAR 10 NEWS

On the 10th of July, all Year 10 students went on a school trip, usually linked to their GCSE options. This year, the trips were to Bletchley Park, the O2, the Globe Theatre and also central London where Media students could take pictures needed for their GCSE media coursework.

All trips were a success but as the trip leader for Up the O2, we can safely say our trip was the best! Students were absolutely fantastic and we got lucky with the weather when climbing up the famous venue to get one of the best views of London!



Prefects

The end of the Summer term also marked the crucial time of Year 11 Prefect nominations. It was extremely difficult to select the prefects this year as we received 67 very strong applications. After much thought and consideration, we selected 20 candidates to become prefect, instead of the traditional 14; this shows how strong the cohort was this year.

We would like to thank all the students who applied for the position and congratulate them for their very strong applications and ideas to help improve our school community.

We would like to introduce our wonderful Prefect team for 2024-2025:

Eve A, Kiya D, Layla D, Freya D, Laylah H, Honey H, Jemima H, Richman K, Elena L, Emma M, Ellie M, Carly M, Kian M, Deveshi P, Dorian Q, Megan Q, Dylan S, Ruby S, Nazar T, Gabriella W. At the time of writing, interviews for and selection of our Senior Prefects have not taken place yet.

Ms Lucas
Head of Year 10

MATHS NEWS

Euro Themed Maths Challenge

Year 9 students at Ruislip High school took part in a live Euro Themed Maths Challenge event on Wednesday 12th December 2024. It was hosted by AMSP Maths and more than 30 teams took part across the country.

Ruislip High School recently demonstrated exceptional mathematical prowess securing both the first and second positions. The competition, designed to test students' mathematical abilities through a series of challenging problems and puzzles, brought together bright young minds from various schools.

Participants were tasked with solving problems that required not only advanced mathematical skills but also an understanding of European themes, which added a unique twist to the traditional maths competition. The event aimed to enhance students' problem-solving abilities, teamwork, and application of mathematical concepts in diverse contexts.

Ruislip High School's teams excelled in the competition, showcasing their dedication and strong mathematical foundation. Their hard work paid off as they navigated through complex questions and collaborated effectively to secure top positions.

The success of these teams highlights the school's commitment to fostering academic excellence and encouraging students to engage in intellectually stimulating activities.

The achievement of Ruislip High School at the Euro-themed maths challenge serves as an inspiration to other students and schools, emphasising the importance of perseverance, teamwork, and a passion for learning. This victory not only brings pride to the school community but also motivates other students to pursue excellence in mathematics and other academic disciplines.

The students who came first in the challenge are:

1. Ray C
2. Daniel L
3. Lorcan M
4. Iza B

The students who came second are:

1. Lorena M
2. Amelia S
3. Mariam T
4. Radha S

MATHS NEWS

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It is a very proud moment for the Maths department and I would like to congratulate each and every Mathematics teacher, students who took part in the challenge and parents of the students.

Well Done and Keep it up!

RHS & Sacred Heart Maths Competition

Wednesday 3rd July saw Sacred Heart Primary School and students in year 7 from RHS come head to head in a Maths challenge.

The challenge tested their resilience, perseverance and problem solving skills as well as their ability to work as a team.

The competition consisted of the classic 24 game, an interactive maths trail and some problems solving questions.

The competition was supported by four Year 10 volunteers (Clementine, Honey, Kiya & Nadine) who were fantastic ambassadors for the school and helped to ensure the competition ran smoothly.

The Gold medal had to be decided between a tie breaker question at the end which was won by Sacred Heart (Team D).

Students from both schools had an enjoyable time and the maths department looks forward to hosting many more competitions.

MATHS NEWS

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Year 7

In Year 7 mathematics, using stickers as rewards for effort and achievement has had a significant impact on engagement and performance. The students love receiving stickers, which provide immediate positive reinforcement and encourage active participation.

Stickers foster a sense of accomplishment and pride, boosting confidence and creating a positive classroom atmosphere. They also help develop a growth mindset, where challenges are seen as opportunities to learn and improve. This approach cultivates perseverance and resilience, enhancing both mathematical skills and valuable life skills. Consistent use of rewards inspires students to reach their full potential and enjoy learning mathematics.



Maths Clinic

The Maths Clinic will be running in the new year on Thursdays from 8am to 8.25am.

The maths clinic is designed to cater to students of all years, providing a supportive and dynamic environment for learning. It includes homework assistance, problem-solving practice and enrichment activities.

The maths clinic has shown students improve their academic performance and enhanced problem-solving skills as well as their confidence in their abilities, making them more comfortable with tackling maths-related tasks both in and out of the classroom.

How to enroll:

Students and parents interested in the Maths Clinic can sign up online or inform their maths teacher that they will be attending the maths clinic so that work can be prepared for them.

YEAR 11 NEWS

This has been a particularly challenging term for Year 11, but my overwhelming reflection on the year group is a genuine sense of pride in each and every one of them. The resilience and care they have shown for one another over the past few months has been heartening to witness and they have really embodied all seven of our RHS values, but particularly unity and perseverance.

After months of hard work in preparation for this summer's GCSE exams, Year 11 have reached the end of their secondary school journey. Each student has sat around twenty exam papers over the course of the last six weeks and I know how pleased they are to be free from revision, and are now reaping the reward of an extended, and well deserved summer holiday.

The summer term has been punctuated by a range of celebratory events, culminating in the Prom which took place at the end of June at Denham Grove Hotel. This was a really special evening as the students were able to celebrate their success together, wearing their finest suits and most glamorous dresses. There are some great pictures from the Year 11 Prom later in this newsletter.

Earlier in June, following their final exam, the whole year group came together for a Celebration Assembly with 'good luck' messages from their teachers, followed by shirt signing and ice creams.

It has been such a pleasure to support this group of young people, alongside Miss Vora as Assistant Head of Year, and the wonderful team of Year 11 tutors. This year group have really shown what it means to be a part of a school community, and the strength of character they have displayed this term puts them in good stead to go on to do extraordinary things in the future - whatever path they choose.

We look forward to seeing the majority of students back in September as they start Sixth Form with us, and for those who are going on to Apprenticeships and local Colleges, we wish the very best of luck. I hope Year 11 have a restful and enjoyable summer, and thank their parents/carers for all their support along the way too.

Mr Sills
Head of Year 11

MFL NEWS



On Friday 24th May, 51 Ruislipians (46 students and 5 members of staff) set off at dawn to cross the Channel and make their way to the French capital.

The journey was smooth and we arrived in Montmartre for the golden hour. The sun was shining, Montmartre was packed with people and musicians and students had free time to roam around the picturesque streets of the Parisian district. We had a nice and well-deserved dinner after a very long day.



On Saturday, after a breakfast filled with croissants and pains au chocolat, we drove to le Parc des Princes, the PSG stadium, where we could walk in the footsteps of the greatest football players like Messi and Mbappé and even had a penalty shoot-out on the pitch!

After a sporty morning, we had a more leisurely time around the Trocadero and la Tour Eiffel. Students had free time to explore the area and the banks of the Seine before we literally embarked on a new adventure. The boat cruise in the sun was the perfect way to see Paris and most of its famous landmarks from a different point of view.

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After the cruise, we drove to the Louvre area where students had more time to stroll around the museum and Quai Rivoli, the jewelers' avenue.

"The trip was very interesting and I really loved visiting the PSG Stadium. So cool!"
Seimi and Noah (9B)

On Sunday, instead of going to Versailles Palace we went to le Louvre for a few hours. Students were able to see the mythic Joconde (Mona Lisa) and other wonders of the art world. Some of us even ventured to a different aisle of the museum and found ourselves in Ancient Egypt. It was truly a wonderful cultural morning.

After an arty morning, we made our way to la Tour Montparnasse - the highest tower in Paris - and we went up to the 56th floor (we used the elevator!) and the terrace on the 58th floor. What a great view of the city of light, it was worth braving the height! We were also very lucky to catch the last glimpses of light before a typical Parisian Summer shower! Thankfully we were back on the coach when the rain was at its worst.

"It was so much fun and exciting! I felt independent going around magnificent Paris. The boat cruise was the best!" Daisy and Lacey - 9A.

The weather was definitely on our side that day, as the sun reappeared as we hopped off the coach to go down les Champs-Élysées, the longest and most luxurious avenue in the world. It was such a nice way to finish our Parisian escape before our last dinner together.

"It was fantastic! We loved having free time on the Champs Élysées! We loved the day we saw the Eiffel Tower and the boat cruise too!" Maya, Daria and Zoey (Year 10).



YEAR 12 NEWS

It seems extraordinary that the Year 12 students are already halfway through their time in the Sixth Form. They have also had an extraordinary year, achieving a huge amount and making excellent progress as mature young adults who are now the oldest students in the school, setting a strong example to the younger year groups.

The Year 12 students have accomplished a significant amount during this term. In an academic sense, they have put a lot of hard work into their Pre-Public Exams in June, with many students achieving outstanding results. This being the midpoint in students' courses, there is always plenty to work on to improve too, and I know that students will put in plenty of effort over the coming weeks to ensure that they are ready for Year 13 and their assessments in late September.

The students have also written some of the strongest first drafts of university personal statements that the school has seen. This is testament to the work they put into reading around their subjects, completing online courses and doing relevant work experience throughout Year 12, which has meant that they have plenty to write about in their statements. They now have the building blocks of outstanding applications. Form tutors have been giving feedback to students on their application drafts, and students should ensure they are using this feedback to improve their statements over the summer. Come September, students will have 1:1 support from their form tutor and a post-18 supervisor to help them complete their applications. Students who also wish to apply for apprenticeships will also have bespoke support with searching for apprenticeships and writing applications.

It has been a pleasure to see Year 12 take part so wholeheartedly in a range of events and activities this term. In the week beginning 24th June, the Student Leadership Team organised a highly successful RAG (Raising and Giving) week, which raised nearly £900 for the charities Mind and The Teenage Cancer Trust. The highlight for many students was of course the "splat the teacher" event! On Tuesday 2nd July, Year 12 students visited The University of Hertfordshire to find out more about choosing the right course and about student life. On Thursday 11th July, students were visited by trainers from TalktheTalk, who delivered an engaging day of activities designed to improve students' confidence in university, apprenticeship and job interviews in particular. The students were a credit to themselves on each of these days.

Mr Peacock
Head of Sixth Form

LRC NEWS

It's been another extremely busy, successful year in the LRC with some new features and exciting events, such as the 'Masked Reader / Emoji Bingo' for World Book Day, 'Golden Ticket event' for Celebration Assembly and many more.

The LRC is still as popular as ever amongst staff and students, who take full advantage of having such a lovely, open space Library and vast books and resources available.

'Don't Get Caught Short'+

The LRC Stationery Shop is busier than ever with more and more students requesting 'free' stationery. Instead of paying, students can simply redeem reward points for new stationery, to avoid getting a warning for any missing items!



The shop stocks the majority of the PE equipment, as well as prepaid Cucina items and students who are lucky enough can get a £10 Amazon Voucher, Year 11 can also use points to obtain Yearbooks / Prom Tickets. The LRC Stationery shop opens 8:15 - 9:00 am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday.



'Get Rewarded With a Complimentary Book'

The Vending machine is still as popular as when first installed; students from all year groups over the year have taken advantage of the book reward scheme and a vast number of books have been dispensed throughout the year using the special gold coins.

There will be more opportunities to win more books starting in the next academic year.

'Newcomers to the LRC'

As part of transition day, the Year 6 students get the opportunity to visit the LRC as well as viewing a presentation / slideshow on all the do's and don'ts in terms of rules when using the LRC during social times.

It was fantastic to see so many new faces and keen readers so enthusiastic about starting at Ruislip High and using the LRC in September



LRC NEWS

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'Let's Get Comfortable'

The Silent Reading area in the LRC proved a huge success this year, with many students using it to escape during social times. Everyone enjoys being able to sit and relax and read a book, so much so that it has now been expanded with additional sofas in Ruislip High colours and some 'Book themed' comfy cushions. What a great way to spend break and lunch, unwinding on the sofa, silently reading a good book!

Game, Set & Match

The hugely popular LRC Clubs, in particular Games and Booktok Club continue to be ever expanding; as word gets out, the more students join.

To date, Games club has the most student members of all the clubs in school, with students from all year groups spending Friday after school competing against friends and different peer groups and having fun, a great way to unwind after a busy school week.

The LRC 'Above and Beyond' Programme will continue to run in the new academic year and students can sign up online.



The LRC After School Clubs opening times:

Tuesday: 3:00pm - 4:00pm - Silent reading / homework

Wednesday: 3:00pm - 4:00pm - Silent reading / homework

Thursday: 3:00pm - 4:00pm - BookTok Club

Friday: 3:00pm - 4:00pm - Fun and Games Club

Thank you

A massive heartfelt thank you to all the students who regularly help out in the LRC, as part of the Student LRC team, not forgetting all the volunteers from the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme who also help. It is very much appreciated and long may it continue!

Have a fantastic Summer break and look forward to seeing you all in September.

Happy Reading
Mrs Austen
LRC Manager



YEAR 13 NEWS

The past two years have passed by in a flash, but we are now at the point where we say goodbye to our superb Class of 2024, for many of them following seven years at Ruislip High.

The Year 13 students have matured into personable, hardworking and immensely talented young adults, who should be proud of everything they have achieved over the last two years in Sixth Form.

Regarding post-18 options, it has been a real pleasure to see our students receiving university offers from some of the most prestigious institutions in the world and also some of the most competitive courses. This is testament to the effort that students have been putting into their education and their futures since the start of Year 12 and, in many cases, before that. We also have had a number of students who have applied for apprenticeships and other employment have also received offers and again, we wish them the best of luck in the future.

As we approach the students' Leavers' Assembly and their Leavers Ball, I have no doubt that these will be fitting occasions to mark the students' time at Ruislip High.

It has been a pleasure to work with these fantastic students over the past two years, and I would also like to thank you as parents and guardians for your support. I am looking forward to congratulating the students on their achievements on results day and wish them every success in the future.

Mr Elsby
Head of Year 13

COMPUTER SCIENCE NEWS

We would like to congratulate all Year 9s who have been working on their Idea Badges this term. IDEA, also known as The Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award, is an international award winning programme that helps students develop their digital, enterprise and employability skills.

Students can display their IDEA achievements on their personal statements for UCAS and CV's in the same way that they would display The Duke of Edinburgh's Award. A special mention to the following two students who have achieved their Silver Award Certificates, well done to Daniel L and Monica M.

The following students have completed their Bronze certificates and are now working on their Silver award. Congratulations as well! Let's hope they can finish them during the summer holidays- earning these badges is a fun way to spend the summer.

Lorcan M	Jodie C
Sara N	Szabolcs S
Daniel L	Ollie H
Divya M	Pranav P
Monica M	Zack H
Arlet M	Abigail O
Vinay M	

STUDENT EQUALITY COMMITTEE

The Student Equality Committee went to Field End school on 12th July 2024 as part of a Trust initiative to read cultural books to Year 3 students and discuss RHS life with them .

I am not exaggerating when I say our students were simply outstanding and made us proud. They not only read books to their groups but engaged with them like professionals, doing quizzes, asking questions and even managing to remember their names. The staff of Field End were extremely impressed with our students and their behaviour. We already have a few future teachers in the making!

Laylah H	Zaynab D
Abigail C	Zuzanna I
Ara K	Nicole G
Sophie W	Rowan G
Lorcan M	Joshua S
Cara G	Emily D
Jameelah A	

YEAR 12 WORK EXPERIENCE

From Monday 10th June, 2024, Year 12 undertook a week of work experience to explore life in the workplace, as a part of their post-18 enrichment. A record number of Year 12 students completed work experience placements at a range of local employers.

All students had the opportunity to engage with a company on a week-long placement, developing contacts and skills that will support their future job, university and apprenticeship applications. Placements spanned a huge range of professions and industries, including pharmacies, law firms, property management and production companies. A range of experiences are outlined below:

Tanay completed a placement at APCOA Parking. He said: "I was in the finance department and with the help of the people working in finance, I was taught about how finance works, how it is managed and the different sectors in the industry. We also had a day in Heathrow where we looked at how APCOA practically works, such as valet parking and the parking control room."

Mia completed a placement at a media production company, Gravity Media. She shared her reflections: "I really enjoyed the variety of work I got to do. I learned about the playbacks in football, the highlights in tennis and the production processes undertaken to create them for the screen. The team always looked out for me and included me in their work, even during their lunch break."

A number of students also took up placements at local primary schools, including those of our Trust Partners. Ava-Pearl said: "This work experience was an amazing opportunity for me to step out of my comfort zone, take part in activities I would never usually get involved with and speak to people I never would have thought of talking to. I had the most amazing time whilst I was there, bonding with the students, and making good connections with the teachers. The overall experience was very nostalgic as Field End was my primary school, so it was a privilege to return and give something back to them."

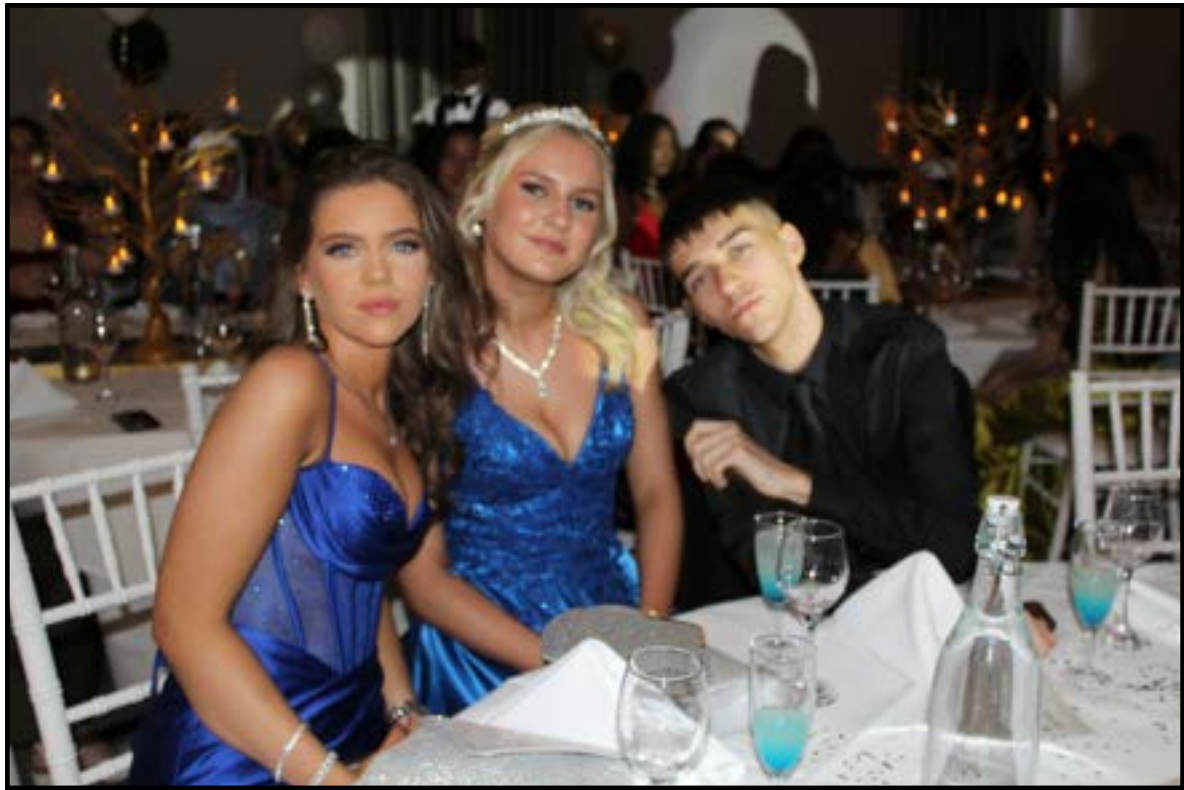
The sixth form team has received some outstanding feedback from a range of employers who gave our students access to placements. We are incredibly proud of all of the students for their effort and conduct during these placements. Well done.

Thank you to all the employers and their staff teams who supported with facilitating these placements, and to Ms Bonny, our Placement Coordinator, for ensuring that our students can continue to access these invaluable opportunities.

YEAR 11 PROM PHOTOS



YEAR 11 PROM PHOTOS



YEAR 13 PROM PHOTOS



ART, CRAFT & DESIGN NEWS

THE CREATIVE CORNER

Photography Competition

This year was a record breaking year for photography entries based on the theme 'Urban'. It was so lovely to see the different interpretations but also the cities you have all been visiting!

It took Miss Hill and Mr Davies longer than usual to choose this year but we managed, after long discussion, to pick Rosie Douglass from Year 8 as our winner and two students as joint second: Ray Chan in Year 9 and Matthew Franklin in Year 8.

Massive congratulations to everyone who entered and especially to our top three. Keep an eye out for Presentation Evening where Rosie's framed photograph will be presented to our special guest Jordan Marajah.



Rosie D



Ray C



Matthew F

Art Club

Art club has focused on expanding their sewing skills this term! Students have been picking out some very jazzy fabric to create their own pyjama bottoms! From shorts to stripey wide leg trousers, students have been using pattern pieces to create these garments, extending their understanding on seams, hems and how to add an elasticated waist. We have a whole club dedicated to Textiles in the autumn 2024 term so sign up now on SOCS before we run out of space!



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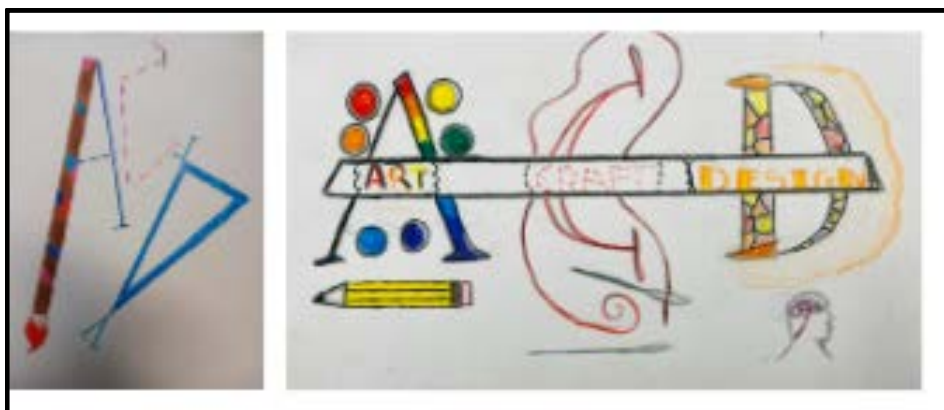


Year 7 Logo competition

As part of the Year 7 Graphics curriculum we have an annual competition where one student from each form gets picked for having created the most successful Art, Craft and Design logo. This year it was a particularly tough choice with so many amazing designs being created by our hard working students! However we just about managed to pick our winners:

Mara A, Emma C, Amaris P, Oshin B, Rihana K and Ava C.

Well done! Be ready for your tote bag and art supplies as your prize to be delivered!



Ex-student Degree show!

Here at Ruislip High School we love to celebrate the achievements of our students both past and present. This sensational work that you can see is the work of ex-student Ruby Fellow who has just finished her BA(Hons) Fine Art Painting and Drawing.

"My practice is currently concerned with ideas surrounding 'constructed' landscape paintings. Given that all landscapes are constructions in themselves, mine are formed using collaging: both the collaging of imagery and then the collage of techniques used to create the work. My paintings present a dialogue between technology and nature which is becoming more prominent with the development of technologies that we see in today's society" I hope this inspired you as much as it inspires us!



If you are considering taking Art or Textiles for GCSE, A-level or even at University, please speak to anyone in the department to find out more about how you can continue to grow your creativity!

ART, CRAFT & DESIGN NEWS

ACD raffle

An addition to the creative corner is our new termly raffle! Students, during the months of November, March and June, can win multiple raffle tickets by putting in lots of effort during lessons and for HWK with 3 students getting the chance to win some creative prizes! June's winners are:

Harper 7A
Meriam 7W
Sophia 7W
Ben 7D

This is a fantastic opportunity not only to be rewarded for your continued hard work but also to get some free art supplies! Start getting ready to impress your teachers in November.



Love Learning Day - Art

As part of Love Learning Day some of our Year 8 students got the opportunity to be inspired by the work of Chris Ofili to create some amazing work to go on display throughout the school. They took part in three workshops including gelli printing, acrylic paint pointillism and black and white portraits. All students worked really well together in small groups to create the amazing outcomes you can see here below.

"I got to work with people I never expected to work with and it was pretty exciting" Tsz Lok

"I really enjoyed the day, it was a really calm and independent environment. My favourite part was the portraits" Cormac

"I really liked the fact that we got to use media we haven't used before" Chanel

"I loved today as a whole. I never knew how fun collaborate art is until today" Jameelah



RHS Gallery

Here is a selection of work from the Art,
Craft and Design department:





Year 8 Art



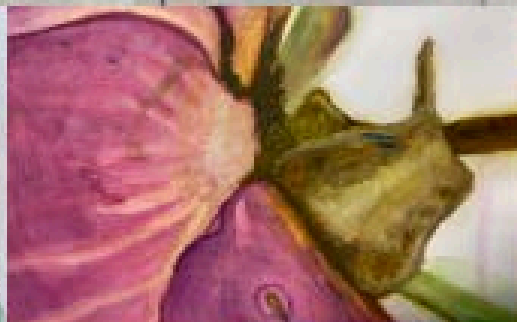
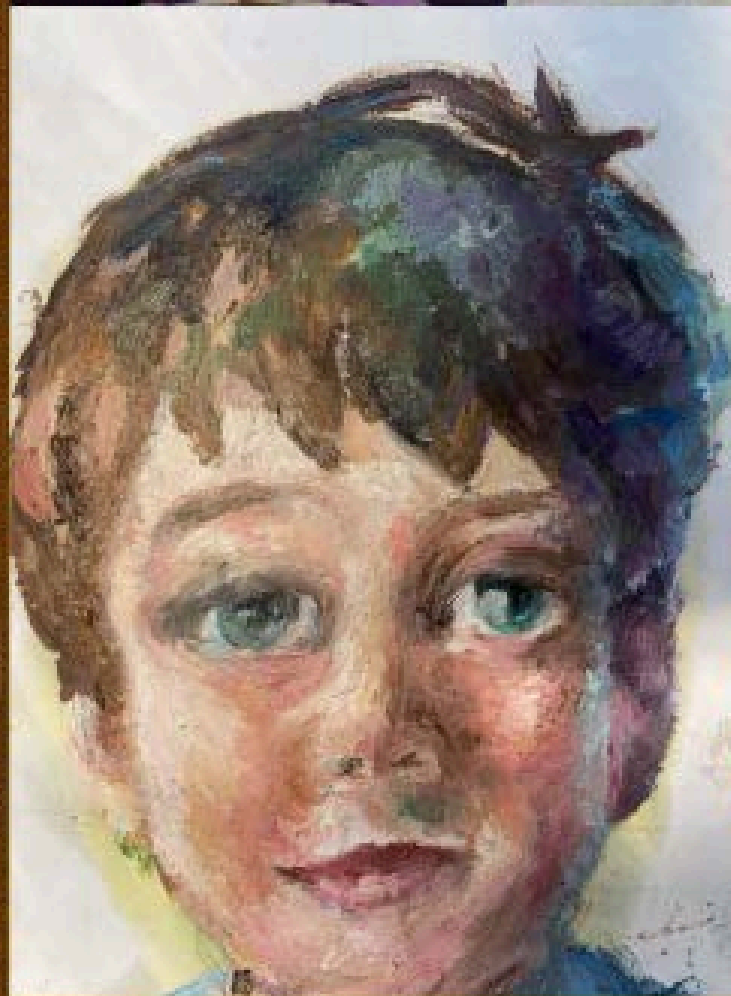
Year 8
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Year 10 Fine Art



A-level Art & Design

KEY DATES

- **Wednesday 4th September 2024: Autumn term begins**
- **Thursday 12th September: school photos/Year 12 success in the sixth form evening**
- **Monday 16th September: Success in Year 13 evening**
- **Monday 23rd September: DofE bronze information evening**
- **Thursday 26th September: Year 6 open evening**
- **Tuesday 1st October: Parent voice meeting**
- **Thursday 3rd October: Senior maths challenge (Years 12/13)**
- **Tuesday 8th October: Year 11 history trip**
- **Wednesday 9th October: Trust maths challenge**
- **Thursday 10th October: Year 11 history trip/Year 8 STEM with wings presentation**
- **Wednesday 16th September: Year 11, 12 and 13 drama trip**
- **Thursday 17th October: Year 9 parents' evening**
- **Tuesday 22nd October: Year 12 universities trip**
- **Thursday 24th October: Barcelona trip /Year 7 tutor evening**
- **Friday 25th October: Half term ends**
- **Monday 4th November: Half term begins**
- **Thursday 7th November: Year 13 parents' evening**
- **Tuesday 12th November: Year 10 drama GCSE theatre trip**
- **Wednesday 13th November: Sixth form open evening/Year 10 BIMA digital day**
- **Wednesday 20th November: Year 11/12 visit to the University of Cambridge**
- **Thursday 21st November: Presentation evening**
- **Monday 25th November: Year 11 drama trip**
- **Thursday 28th and Friday 29th November: INSET days**
- **Tuesday 3rd December: Parents voice meeting (remote)**
- **Thursday 5th December: Year 8 Paris trip**
- **Wednesday 11th December: VLT Christmas concert**
- **Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th December: Christmas production**
- **Wednesday 18th December: Sixth form community Christmas event**
- **Friday 20th December: Term ends**