



Ruislip High School NEWSLETTER

Winter 2025

CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY EVENT



On Thursday 11th of December, our Sixth Form students hosted their annual Christmas community event, warmly welcoming over 70 local residents. This much-anticipated occasion is undoubtedly one of the highlights of the Sixth Form calendar, and judging by the overwhelmingly positive feedback, it holds an equally special place in the diaries of senior citizens in our community. The effort and enthusiasm shown by our staff and students created a wonderful atmosphere of celebration and community.

Mr Sills, Head of Sixth Form, said 'our Christmas community event was such an uplifting occasion and our students were impeccable hosts. It was lovely to see so many senior citizens enjoying the company of our students, who showed real maturity and warmth. We are delighted so many of our guests had such an enjoyable evening'.

The event was packed with festive activities with guests enjoying a fun Christmas quiz, followed by a highly competitive game of BINGO, with excellent prizes including vouchers for local cafes. The excitement reached its peak with a very special guest appearance of Father Christmas (who had an uncanny resemblance to our Head of Sixth Form) who stopped by to wish everyone a Merry Christmas! Mia in Year 12 commented that 'it was the highlight of my year, I really enjoyed getting to know members of our local community and hearing their stories. It was so lovely and I am excited to help out next year.' **(story continued on page 5)**

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HEADTEACHER'S NEWS



There has certainly been no winding down to Christmas at RHS over the last couple of weeks of term, as Ruislip High School continues to live up to our strapline of being a school both in, and for, the community. I write this article having just attended the second night of our drama department's production of 'A Christmas Carol'. It was a particularly emotional evening as our long-standing member of staff, and Curriculum Leader of Drama, Mr Randall, is leaving Ruislip High School this term as he relocates to another part of the country. I was touched by how

positively the cast spoke of Mr Randall and having witnessed the triumphant performance, it is clear he leaves the Drama Department of Ruislip High School in a very strong place. I can honestly say that I was transfixed throughout the performance and was so impressed by the quality of the students' acting and delivery throughout the play. I spoke briefly at the end of the evening to highlight how impressed I had been with the ambition shown by all involved. I was particularly impressed that students not only performed, but also managed backstage operations, sound, and lighting with incredible professionalism.

The performance of 'A Christmas Carol' wasn't the only high-calibre evening we have hosted this term. I, along with the audience present, was also thoroughly entertained last week at our annual Winter Concert. The quality of the student performances was again exceptional, and I end the term feeling genuine pride in leading a school where students display such skill and confidence, this is a testament to their hard work and the dedication and commitment of the RHS staff.

Prior to last week's Winter Concert, we also hosted what I believe was our best Christmas community event to date. I was delighted to welcome over seventy senior citizens to our buffet and bingo evening, with Santa himself even making an appearance! I am delighted to see the event on the cover of this newsletter, as it was such a warm, festive and joyous afternoon. To see our students sitting together with our community's senior citizens and to receive such wonderful feedback from our guests was genuinely uplifting.

As alluded to above, it has been a very busy end of term, even by Ruislip High School standards and on the last Thursday of term, I had the pleasure of accompanying our Year 11s into London as a reward for how seriously they have taken their recent pre-public examinations. Once again, our students were a credit to the school and I have heard nothing but positive feedback despite the fact that the weather was not on our side.

HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

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The term has also been exceptionally busy academically and I would like to highlight the achievement of our Year 13 students in particular, who have already achieved some excellent university and degree apprenticeship offers for next year. We have had a record number of applicants for medicine and Oxbridge courses, and whatever the outcome of these incredibly competitive courses, our students should be very proud of themselves and their efforts.

As we break up at the end of another successful term at the school, I wanted to take a moment to express my deep gratitude to the whole Ruislip High School community for their support and partnership, as we collectively strive to make RHS 'a great and safe place' for all stakeholders.

I also wanted to reflect at this time of year that, although Christmas is a time of peace and love, unfortunately, for some members of our community, Christmas can be a challenging time. I believe it is important to acknowledge this at a time of year when the overriding media message is one of celebration. I know we are an exceptionally cohesive community and my message to all of us is that it is okay to ask for help and share with others our thoughts and concerns. To this end, it has been particularly inspiring to see just how much our community has collected over the last couple of weeks for our local food bank.

My thoughts also turn at this time of year to those people living in areas of conflict around the world and my desire is that our world leaders follow the mantra shown in our community, in that there is more that unites our diverse community than divides us. The events in Australia last weekend are truly shocking and I know all our thoughts go out to those affected by the tragedy.

Finally, as we come to the end of another calendar year at the school, I would like to wish everyone in the community a restful holiday period. I would particularly like to thank parents and guardians who have been so supportive this term and I have no doubt that Ruislip High School will continue to go from strength to strength in 2025. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

FRONT COVER

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Sue Midgley, of the Ruislip Residents Association said 'the school does so much for the community and this event was such fun. The sixth form students were so sociable and friendly. Everybody left the event feeling like Christmas had begun!'

Our Sixth Form students rose to the occasion, proving to be exceptional hosts throughout the evening. They ensured every guest felt welcome and entertained. It was heartening to see our usually busy study room transformed into a hub of genuine community connection, full of smiling faces, laughter, and the spirit of festive cheer. Deputy Head Student, Ethan, said 'it was great to see people's faces light up during the quiz and the BINGO, and to host this festive event.'

Mr Davies, Headteacher, said: "The event was the true embodiment of what I mean when I describe Ruislip High School as a school in, and for, the community."

The success of the evening exemplified the strong bond between our school and the surrounding community. We extend our sincerest thanks to all the residents who joined us and made the event so memorable. We are already looking forward to next year's event!



YEAR 7 NEWS

What a wonderful start our Year 7 students have made! They have settled in brilliantly, showing themselves to be polite, friendly and motivated, and quickly forming positive relationships with both peers and staff.

Their enthusiasm for learning has been a real highlight. Classrooms are buzzing with curiosity and engagement, and it is a joy to see students embracing new challenges with confidence.

This term, students worked together in their tutor groups to vote for their Student Parliament members to represent them and their views in student voice. The leaders have stepped up, demonstrating excellent leadership and teamwork.

The Year 7 tutor groups have also come together to support the local community by collecting items for the local foodbank. It has been wonderful to see students collaborating, showing generosity, and taking pride in making a difference for those in need. Students are embracing the gift of giving and spreading cheer.

As we look ahead, we encourage all Year 7s to keep up the hard work and to get involved in the wide range of extracurricular activities available in our Above and Beyond programme. These opportunities will help them grow even further, both academically and personally.

We are very proud of their achievements so far and can't wait to see what the next term brings!

Ms Loizou
Head of Year 7

SCIENCE NEWS

Year 12 Biology trip

The Year 12 Biology students had an overwhelmingly positive experience on Tuesday, 18th November 2025, as they took part in the Climate Adaptation and Resilience project with the Let's Go Outside and Learn team, alongside local park rangers and dedicated volunteers. Students enjoyed engaging, hands-on activities that brought classroom learning to life, gaining real world insight into how ecosystems respond to environmental change. They valued the opportunity to work with experts, explore local habitats, and contribute to meaningful conservation tasks. The day fostered curiosity, teamwork, and a deeper appreciation for the vital role that communities play in protecting and adapting natural spaces for the future.

Later in the day, students participated in a series of creative workshops led by a local artist, where they were encouraged to develop their own visual responses to the theme of climate adaptation and resilience. These thought provoking sessions allowed them to engage with the topic in imaginative ways through planting wildflower seeds, exploring ideas around depaving, and taking part in climate themed games designed to spark reflection and dialogue. The workshops provided a dynamic blend of creativity, environmental awareness, and practical action.



Overall, the day was a highly enriching experience that deepened students' understanding of climate challenges while empowering them to think critically, act responsibly, and become more resilient future stewards of the environment.

YEAR 8 NEWS

As we reach the end of term, I want to take a moment to recognise the commitment and positive attitude shown by Year 8 students over the past few months. It has been a busy term, and they have handled it well.

One highlight has been the Year 8 contribution to our food box project. Students worked together to create boxes for people in need within our community, and their efforts were very much appreciated.

It was also great to see so many students involved in or attending the Winter Concert and the school performance of A Christmas Carol. Their support for one another and their engagement in school events have been a real strength of the year group.

Thank you to all students for their hard work this term. I hope everyone enjoys a restful break.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I look forward to welcoming everyone back in January.

Mr Tibbey
Head of Year 8

PE NEWS



Watford Girls Football Tournament

On Tuesday 18th November some of Year 7 and 8 girls travelled to the Watford FC Training Ground to take part in an exciting football tournament. They played six matches in total, showing fantastic teamwork, determination, and improvement throughout the day.

Alongside the tournament, the girls also took part in an FA workshop focused on promoting women's participation in football. The session was inspiring and encouraged the players to think about how they can continue to grow the women's game in school and beyond.

A highlight of the day was meeting Harry the Hornet, who brought plenty of smiles and energy to the event.



Team: Emma M (8S), Ella B (8W), Maiara S (8C), Filomena K (7B), Daisy S (7W), Anna R (8S), Darcie S (7A), Myah P (7C), Emilia C H (7D)

Good news

Congratulations to Sara M (8A) who took place in the USDC street dance competition and was placed 1st in street and 2nd in break dancing. Ellie M (C63) is going to the World Championships! Well done to Ellie on this fantastic achievement in Irish Dancing.



Netball

The netball season is now underway, and our teams have already shown fantastic commitment, teamwork, and resilience in their opening fixtures. Our Year 8 squad put in a determined performance against Queensmead, demonstrating great spirit despite a 12-3 defeat. Meanwhile, the Year 10 team fought right to the final whistle in a closely contested match against Vyners, narrowly missing out on victory with a 6-4 scoreline. Both teams represented the school with pride and have laid a positive foundation for the season ahead.

We are also delighted to celebrate the achievements of two of our Year 9 students, Lois C (9D) and Ellie D (9F), who are currently training to become qualified netball umpires. They have already been doing a superb job supporting the officiating of our matches, showing maturity, confidence, and professionalism.

PE NEWS

With the busiest stretch of the season approaching, our students can look forward to a full calendar of upcoming fixtures and tournaments. Attendance at training has reached record numbers this year, with over 50–60 girls regularly taking part each week. This exceptional level of enthusiasm is wonderful to see and is made possible thanks to the dedication of our Sixth Form Sports Leaders, whose support ensures that training sessions run smoothly and effectively.

We look forward to sharing more updates and celebrating further successes from our teams in the Spring Newsletter.



Left to right: Eve A (Head Sixth Form Sport Leader), Coralie A (8D), Megan R (8W), Caitlin B (8A), Isabella L (8D), Sree C (8W), Freya B (8A), Chaaya M (8F), Avani SG (8A), Lois C (9D).
Bottom left to right: Maiara S (8C), Pelin B (8B)

Year 8 Football

Well done to all the students who have represented the Year 8 football team this season so far.

The first was a close fixture against Northwood, winning the game 7–6. The second was a narrow 2–0 loss to Vyners which was a massive improvement on last year.



Year 10 Football

A fantastic start to the season for Year 10 who remain undefeated in the league and County Cup. Oscar W (10F) has led the team well as captain and showed his qualities in every game where he has scored a brace in each.

RHS 5 – 3 Haydon
RHS 2 – 0 Northwood
RHS 5 – 0 Isleworth



No football match could go ahead without match officials. A special thank you to Luke G (Ex-student), Sidney B (9F) and Alex H (9F) who were the match officials.

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Girls Football

This year we have seen another increase in the number of girls attending girls' football clubs each week. Across the first term both the u13's and u16's have taken part in several well-matched games, giving them the perfect opportunity to put their developing skills into practice.



The girls played with enthusiasm and supported one another throughout each match. Their hard work at the weekly Above and Beyond club is really starting to shine through. Well done, everyone!



Match Results

RHS u16's 8 Vs 1 Park Academy
RHS u16's Vs Latymer Upper School
(lost 4-2 on penalties)
RHS u13's 2 Vs 3 Douay Matrys
RHS u13's 3 VS 2

Panathlon 2025/26

Ruislip High School proudly hosted its third Panathlon event, and it was yet another huge success! The event welcomed seven mainstream and SEN schools, with each school bringing between 5 to 8 students to take part in a fun-filled day of inclusive sporting competition.

A huge highlight of the day was the incredible work of our Sixth Form students, who took on the responsibility of running the entire event. Their maturity, enthusiasm, and leadership were recognised by all and played a huge part in the day's success.

Competitors took part in a range of accessible and engaging activities, including: Field Athletics, Volley Bat, Boccia Blast, New Age Kurling, Ten Pin Topple and Harlem Hoops.

The students competing from Ruislip High School were truly inspirational; their effort, determination, and joy throughout the day made us incredibly proud. They embodied the spirit of the Panathlon and reminded us all of the power of inclusive sport.

Students who competed: Christopher M (Year 10), Salman M (Year 10), Mason S (Year 7), Iyas B (Year 7), Busra O (Year 8), Fatema M (Year 7), Reyaansh S (Year 7)



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Boccia Tournament

A group of students proudly represented Ruislip High School school at a Borough Boccia tournament. Boccia is a precision ball sport, similar to bowls, designed to test accuracy, control, and tactical decision-making. It is an inclusive game that requires concentration, teamwork, and thoughtful strategy.



Our students showcased fantastic teamwork and exceptional skill throughout the competition. They communicated well, planned their shots carefully, and adapted their tactics in each round. Their determination and effort paid off as they finished the tournament as bronze medallists, a brilliant achievement that reflects both their hard work and sportsmanship.

Students who competed: Christopher M (Year 10), Salman M (Year 10), Iyas B (Year 7), Busra O (Year 8), Fatema M (Year 7), Aadesh (Year 7)

Interhouse Competition - Sport Captains & Deputy Sport Captains

As part of Ruislip High School's launch of a new Inter-House Sport Competition, each form group was given the important responsibility of selecting both a Sport Captain and a Deputy Sport Captain to lead and represent their house throughout the year.

These roles are key to building a strong sense of teamwork, commitment, and house spirit. Our captains will help motivate their peers, support upcoming competitions, and contribute to creating a positive and active school community. We are delighted to congratulate the following students who have been successfully appointed to their roles:

Year 7			Year 8		
	Sport Captain	Deputy Sport Captain		Sport Captain	Deputy Sport Captain
7A	Rebecca W	Ropa C	8A	Freya B	Abdirahman O
7B	Lenny J	Filomena K	8B	Freddie H	Audrey K
7C	Myah P	Malachy B	8C	Aiden S	Connor W
7D	Aanya S	Arlo M	8D	Alfie L	Amira Z
7F	Isabelle FS	Tommy B	8F	Steffan C	Viki Z
7S	Theo W	Klavdia G	8S	Emma M	Merjan MG
7W	Isla M	Enes Y	8W	Antony C	Ella B

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Year 9		
	Sport Captain	Deputy Sport Captain
9A	Alyssa L	Noarii P
9B	Daniel S	Ariana C
9C	Logan T	Coby M
9D	Tommy M	Kelci M
9F	Finley MW	Sidney B
9S	Maddox W	Gianluca C
9W	Lili S	Keanu M

Interhouse Sport Competition - Results

During the Autumn term, our KS3 students took part in their first inter-house competition of the year. This event was designed to celebrate both fitness and learning, as students completed a special 'Black History Month' fitness trail.

Throughout the challenge, form groups competed against one another while discovering the inspiring achievements of Black sporting icons who have made remarkable contributions to the world of sport. The trail encouraged teamwork, resilience, and respect, while enriching students' understanding of sporting history. We are pleased to share the overall results of the competition:

Year 7			Year 8			Year 9		
Position	Points	Form Group	Position	Points	Form Group	Position	Points	Form Group
1st	135	7S	1st	210	8B	1st	140	9C
2nd	120	7B	2nd	180	8F	2nd	130	9B
3rd	110	7W	3rd	150	8A	3rd	105	9S
4th	105	7F	4th	150	8W	4th	100	9W
5th	90	7D	5th	115	8D	5th	65	9A
6th	60	7A	6th	60	8C	6th	55	9D
7th	50	7C	7th	40	8S	7th	50	9F

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KS3 (7-9)		
Position	Points	Form Group
1st	460	BRUNEL
2nd	360	WREN
3rd	335	FRY
4th	280	SEACOLE
5th	275	AUSTEN
6th	260	DARWIN
7th	250	CHURCHILL

Sixth Form Sport Leaders

We are delighted to announce the students who have been successfully appointed as our new Sixth Form Sport Leaders. This is a significant achievement, and we are incredibly proud of each student for demonstrating the commitment, enthusiasm, and leadership qualities needed for the role.

Our Sport Leaders will play an important part in supporting school events, acting as role models for younger students, and promoting a positive, active school culture. We look forward to seeing the impact they will make throughout the year.

Ruislip High School - Sixth Form Sport Leaders

Ellie M (Head SL)	Emma M	Eve A (Head SL)		
Maximilian B (Head SL)	Keira B	Keira S	Luke S	Zoe M (Head SL)
Eliana R	Freya D	Adam H		

YEAR 9 NEWS

As we come to the end of a busy and successful first term, we would like to take this opportunity to reflect on what Year 9 students have achieved and to look ahead to the exciting opportunities coming up.

A key highlight of the term was Year 9 Parents' Evening, which provided a valuable opportunity for families and teachers to discuss progress and next steps. We would like to thank parents and carers for their strong support and for working in partnership with the school to help students succeed.

Another memorable event was the Winter Concert. We were incredibly proud of the Year 9 students who took part, showcasing their talents through singing and playing a range of musical instruments. Their confidence and commitment contributed to a wonderful evening and demonstrated the creativity within the year group.

Looking ahead, we are excited about the Year 9 trip in January to see Starlight Express. This will be a fantastic cultural experience and an opportunity for students to enjoy live theatre while strengthening friendships outside the classroom.

Further into the year, Options Evening in March will be an important milestone for Year 9. Students will begin to make decisions about their GCSE options, supported by guidance from staff to help them make informed and confident choices about their next steps.

Thank you to all students and families for a positive first term. We look forward to an equally successful term ahead and wish everyone a restful and enjoyable Christmas break.

Miss Farrell
Head of Year 9

MUSIC NEWS

On Wednesday 11th December 2025, the Music Department was proud to host our Winter Concert at Ruislip High School, and what a fantastic evening it was. From the moment guests arrived at 5.30pm and were welcomed by Eleni M's beautiful piano playing, there was a real sense of excitement and anticipation in the room.

The concert featured students from across the school and showcased an impressive range of musical styles and talents. Confidently presented by Nicole G and Charlie H-B, the evening moved smoothly through a varied and engaging programme that kept the audience thoroughly entertained.

We heard outstanding performances from soloists, ensembles, bands, and our wonderful choir. The repertoire reflected the diversity of our students' musical interests, spanning classical, contemporary, and popular music. From Chopin, Mozart, Rachmaninoff, and Tchaikovsky to Amy Winehouse, Green Day, Nirvana, and David Bowie, every performance was delivered with commitment, confidence, and clear pride.



Our choir brought warmth and festive cheer with their performances of *Snowman* by Sia and *Can't Stop the Feeling* by Justin Timberlake, while the Concert Band provided a joyful seasonal finale with *Do You Hear What I Hear*, *Overture* from *The Nutcracker*, and *Jingle Bells*. These performances were a real highlight and a wonderful way to close the evening.

It was especially lovely to see so many of our GCSE and Sixth Form students performing with such maturity and professionalism, demonstrating the progress they have made and their dedication to music both in and out of the classroom.

The evening concluded with kind and encouraging closing remarks from Mr Davis, our Headteacher, who praised the students for their hard work and thanked staff and families for their continued support of music at Ruislip High School.

Our students truly made us proud with their enthusiasm, bravery, and musicality shone throughout the concert, and it was a pleasure to share such a special evening with our school community.

Thank you to everyone who came along to support the event. We look forward to welcoming you to many more musical celebrations in the future.

YEAR 10 NEWS

As we approach the Christmas break, Year 10 should have a real sense of achievement as they have overall made a fantastic start to their GCSE course. It has been so pleasing to hear so much overwhelming positive feedback from teachers who teach the year group about their attitude and work ethic in classes. As a Citizenship teacher, it has been noted in our department how impressed we have been with their application to their work and revision in preparation for their PPEs which they took this month. If Year 10 can maintain this effort till their exams in May then we hope for some positive results.

This term we can also celebrate sport succeeding. Firstly the girls' football team came back from being 4-1 down to beat Vyners with goals coming from Xenia, Kaia and Jess. As I write this for the newsletter, the boys' team are due to play Oakwood, having reached the Quarter Finals of the cup after having beaten Haydon, Northwood and Isleworth en route in the previous round.

In netball, the girls drew 8-8 against a very strong Oakwood side and finally in cross country, there were strong performances from the year group in both the boys' and girls' races, with a noticeable performance from Oscar W who as a result has been selected to play for Middlesex Schools in January.

Finally good luck to all those students who are performing in A Christmas Carol this week. I know from Mr Randall a lot of hard work and effort has gone into rehearsals.

Have restful and a Merry Christmas, it is well deserved!

Mr Cahill
Head of Year 10

MATHS NEWS

Ruislip High School is delighted to celebrate the exceptional achievements of our students in this year's Senior Maths Challenge, held on Thursday 9th October 2025 organised by the UK Mathematics Trust (UKMT). This prestigious national competition showcases the problem-solving ingenuity and logical reasoning skills of A-level mathematicians across the country.

This year marked a record-breaking milestone for Ruislip High, with 82 students from Years 12 and 13 passionately taking on the challenge's famously demanding questions. The competition requires not only precision but also creativity, encouraging students to adopt innovative approaches to intricate mathematical problems.

Our thriving UKMT Above and beyond Maths Clubs, expertly led each week by Ms. Jani, continue to play a pivotal role in preparing and inspiring our young mathematicians. Through engaging problem-solving tasks and explorations into advanced topics such as number theory and geometry, these clubs have become a cornerstone of our enrichment programme—fostering both confidence and curiosity in the subject.

The results from this year's challenge were truly outstanding. Emily B, Soham J, Arnav M, Lucas C, Samy H and Akshat D earned Gold certificates, along with invitations to the prestigious Andrew Jobbings Senior Kangaroo follow-on round. Aarya R, Rahul U and Reuben M achieved Silver certificates, and many others secured Bronze, reflecting the dedication, resilience, and mathematical excellence present across our cohort.

Ruislip High School is also celebrating an extraordinary historic moment: for the first time ever, four of our students – Akshat, Soham, Arnav and Samy were awarded Bronze certificates in the Andrew Jobbings Senior Kangaroo follow-on round. Their exceptional performance placed them among the top-performing participants nationwide, marking a remarkable achievement for both themselves and the school.

Reflecting on the students' accomplishments, Ms. Jani, Maths Across the Curriculum Coordinator, shared her pride: *"The Senior Maths Challenge pushes students to think deeply and creatively, and our participants have embraced that challenge with enthusiasm. Their achievements reflect not just talent, but a genuine commitment to growth and discovery."*

Ruislip High School extends its warmest congratulations to all participants for their extraordinary effort and success. Their achievements highlight the school's commitment to excellence in STEM and our dedication to nurturing a passion for lifelong learning.

We look forward to witnessing even greater accomplishments in the years ahead!

This is a question from the UKMT Senior Maths Challenge for parents/guardians to try:

The simultaneous equations $x + \frac{1}{y} = 2$ and $y + \frac{1}{x} = \frac{9}{4}$ have two pairs of real solutions.

What is the difference between the possible values of x ?

A $\frac{1}{3}$

B $\frac{2}{3}$

C $\frac{3}{4}$

D 1

E $\frac{3}{2}$

MATHS NEWS

On Wednesday 15th October, the annual VLT Maths Challenge brought together talented pupils from across the Trust for an exciting afternoon of problem-solving, teamwork, and mathematical brilliance. The atmosphere was electric as teams battled through challenging rounds, testing their logic, reasoning, and speed. In a truly impressive achievement, Hermitage Primary School swept the top two positions, taking both first and second place, while Vyners School claimed a strong third. It was especially inspiring to see primary pupils performing at such a high level – with Hermitage's Year 6 team once again proving their excellence, having also taken first place two years ago! All participating schools demonstrated fantastic enthusiasm and skill, making it a thrilling and memorable event for everyone involved.



YEAR 11 NEWS

This term has been a particularly successful one for Year 11, with students demonstrating maturity, commitment, and enthusiasm across a range of school activities.

Presentation Evening It was a pleasure to see so many Year 11 students participating in Presentation Evening. Notable contributions included Max F and Harley B, whose performance of A Christmas Carol was greatly enjoyed by the audience. We also extend our congratulations to Lacy W, who was presented with the Sparkle Award in recognition of her outstanding effort and positivity.

Year 11 Trip to London Students were given the opportunity to experience some of the capital's most iconic attractions. The trip included a visit to the London Eye, offering panoramic views of the city, followed by a river cruise along the Thames. This was a valuable occasion for students to broaden their horizons and strengthen bonds within the year group.

Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) We are proud of the mature and focused approach Year 11 students have shown during their PPEs. Their dedication to revision and consistent hard work in lessons has been commendable, and we are confident this will stand them in good stead as they prepare for their final examinations later in the year.

Parents' Evening We look forward to welcoming all Year 11 parents to Parents' Evening on Thursday, 22 January 2026. This will provide an important opportunity to discuss student progress and outline the next steps in preparation for the summer examinations.

We wish you a lovely Christmas and a restful break.

Mr Joseph
Head of Year 11

GEOGRAPHY NEWS

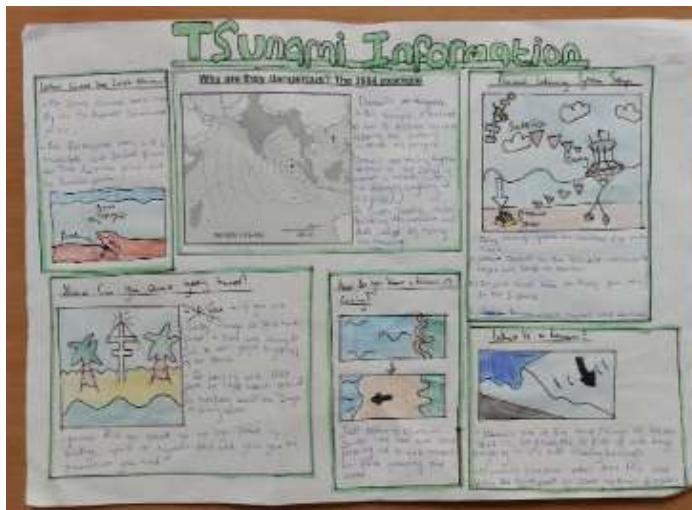
Fantastic work from Year 8

The Geography Department would like to highlight some superb work produced by Year 8 students this term. One of their topics has been to investigate the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, an event which was the basis of the 2012 film "The Impossible".

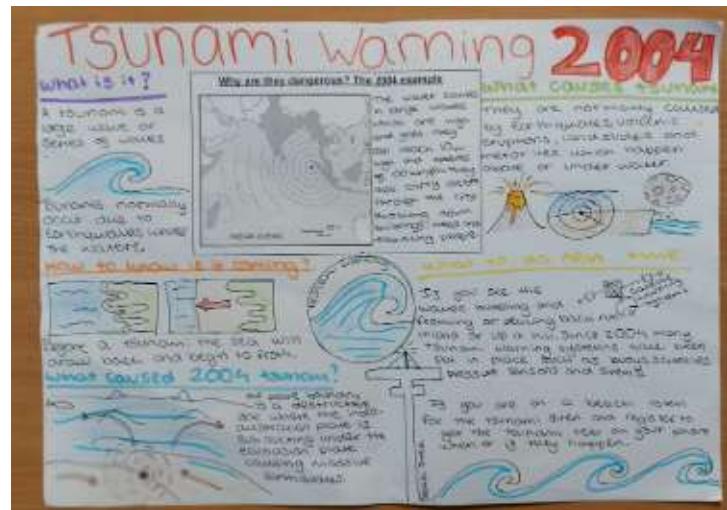
The students had to create an information sign telling people in coastal locations about the 2004 disaster, and how to understand the natural signs that a tsunami may be approaching the coastline. The students then analysed how successful progress has been in creating tsunami warning systems, using news reports such as this:

www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/world-asia-45763376

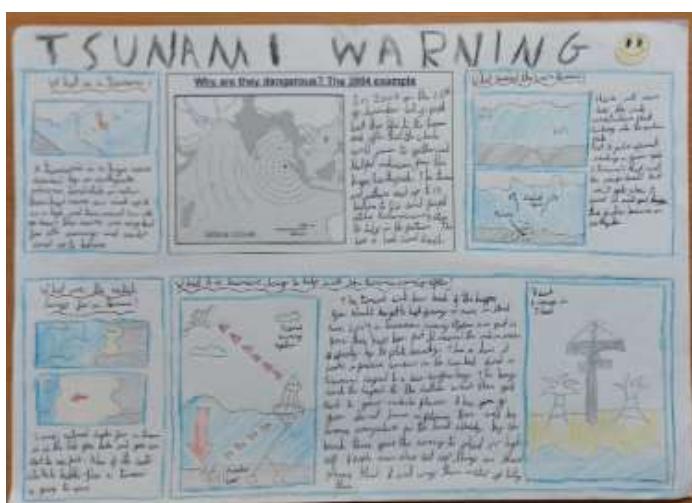
The photos show their creative and knowledgeable work.



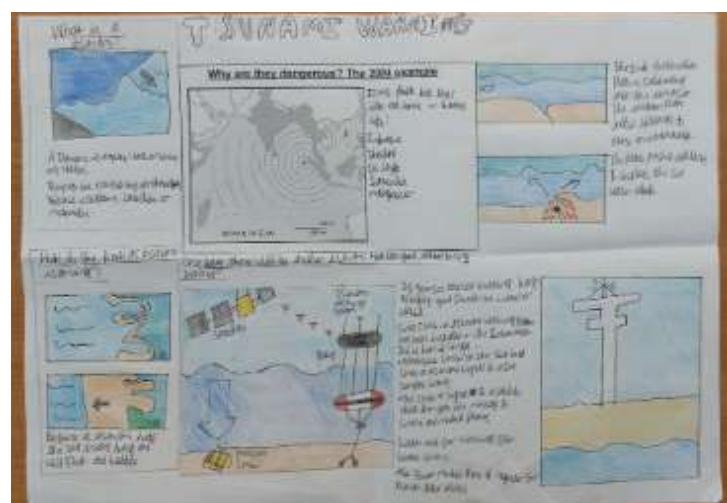
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Pelin, 8B



Shiv, 8B



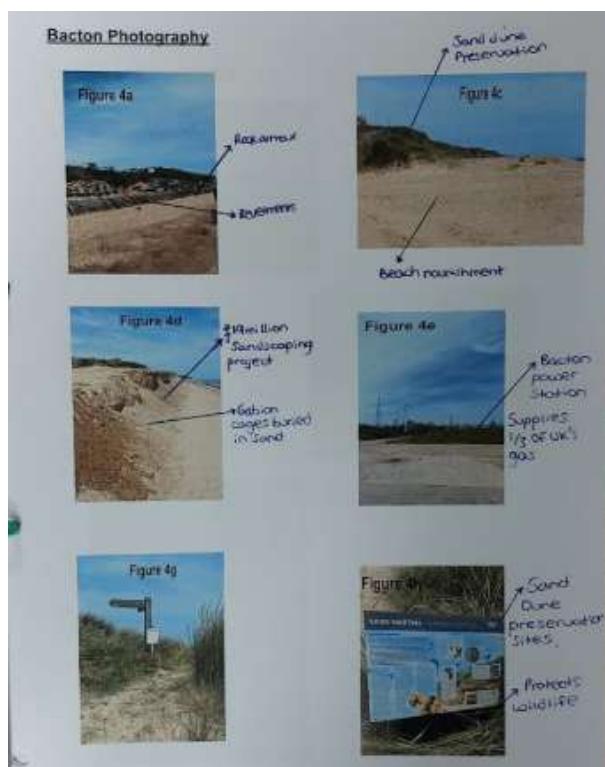
Millie, 8B

GEOGRAPHY NEWS

A-Level coursework progress

Meanwhile, the department has also been supporting Year 13 students in completing their A-Level coursework investigations. These projects followed the residential field trip to the Norfolk coastline in June 2025 where students collected their own data over a four-day period. The photos show some of the data presentation produced by Sam in Year 13, including personal photo annotations and beach profiles. The beach profiles indicate the degree to which coastal locations are protected by sand deposition which offers a buffer against coastal erosion. Students in particular have found Bacton to be an interesting study location, the site of a huge experiment in "sandscaping" to help protect the important gas terminal. This news report about Bacton has been particularly useful for the A-Level students:

www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-58919791



**A-Level coursework in progress:
Data presentation by Sam in Year 13,
analysing coastal management
along the Norfolk coastline.**

YEAR 12 NEWS

It is a real pleasure to write this end-of-term update as Year 12 have settled into Sixth Form life so successfully. I have been very impressed with the diligence of the students. They are really taking ownership of their work and academic progress, and this maturity is pleasing to see. It is highlighted by the fact that so many Year 12 students are already combining their academic studies with progress towards researching and preparing for their post-18 application. Year 12 students' attendance has been fantastic and this shows how dedicated they are to achieving their dreams and goals.

It has also been pleasing to see Year 12 involving themselves in the wider life of the school. All students have been participating in one of our eight Sixth Form Above and Beyond clubs on Friday Week B mornings, and a number of students have auditioned for the school's Christmas production, which I am sure will be as well-crafted and entertaining as previous editions. Many Year 12 students have got involved with the "We are Leaders" programme, whereby a Year 12 student visits a Year 7, 8 or 9 tutor group once per week to support the students with their learning and study habits. Needless to say, the students' efforts have received glowing reviews from the Year 7-9 form tutors. It has also been wonderful to see almost half of the year group sign up to do an Extended Project Qualification, which will boost the students' academic research skills.

Year 12 students have had external guest speakers and they have really embraced the opportunity by asking valuable questions. The whole cohort have conducted themselves to a high standard and with exceptional professionalism and represented the RHS Sixth form outstandingly.

As I look forward to the Spring Term, I see a plethora of academic, super-curricular, volunteering, mentoring and enrichment opportunities for Year 12 students. In particular, students will have the opportunity to apply to be on the 2026-2027 Student Leadership Team, which will be a great opportunity for them to boost their confidence and leadership skills, and to give back to the school. I am excited by the enthusiasm with which students have already undertaken to conduct further research into their chosen fields in order to strengthen a future post-18 application, and look forward to furthering these discussions with them in the Spring Term.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your support of the school and the students, and wish you a restful break. I am so proud to be Head of Year and go through the journey with the Year 12 students and see them flourish to their full potential.

Miss P Vora
Head of Year 12

LRC NEWS

It's hard to believe another year has almost come to an end and what an exciting year it has been for the LRC! We are delighted to share that the LRC is thriving, with the number of students using the space each day having increased tenfold, especially since welcoming our new Year 7 cohort.

The LRC has become a true hive of activity. Students make the most of this safe environment to read, complete homework, revise, or simply enjoy some creative time. Many of our younger students love drawing or exploring different origami activities, which is wonderful to see. What makes the space even more special is how students from all year groups come together to enjoy such an open and welcoming environment.



New students visit the LRC



In September each tutor group visited the LRC for a special induction, seeing exactly what the LRC had to offer and the wide range of resources and support it provides.

Every new student at Ruislip High automatically receives their own library account, allowing them to borrow up to four books at a time to enjoy at home.

The LRC aims to inspire a love of reading in every student. Reading is an essential skill that helps young people build confidence, expand their imagination, develop knowledge, and achieve academic success across all subjects.

Morning Sessions 8.05am-8.30am

Students are welcome to visit the LRC before tutor time. They can revise, read quietly or purchase essential stationery items to ensure they are fully prepared for their Period 1 equipment check.

During this time students can also borrow books from the LRC, to be able to read at home.



Above and Beyond - LRC Clubs

As part of our Above and Beyond Programme, the Learning Resource Centre (LRC) runs a range of clubs before and after school. These sessions continue to grow in popularity and are enjoyed by students from all year groups.

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Tuesday to Friday: Homework and Reading Club 3.00-4.00pm

Students can complete homework in a calm, supportive environment or spend time reading.

Friday: Games Club

A fun end-of-week session offering a variety of board and card games. We look forward to welcoming even more students as our clubs continue to thrive each week.



Student and Staff Book Requests in the LRC

Our ever popular LRC Games Club has been rapidly growing in numbers, and it's been fantastic to see so many students coming together to play, collaborate, and build friendships. To keep the club engaging and well-resourced, we are kindly asking for donations of board games, card games or puzzles, either new or used (in good condition).

If you have any games at home that your family no longer uses, we would be delighted to give them a new life here at the LRC. These donations help us offer a wider variety of activities for our students and ensure that everyone has something they enjoy.

Thank you so much for supporting our Games Club and helping create a fun, welcoming space for all the students.

The LRC already offers thousands of fiction and non-fiction titles for all ages, for students and staff. However, with new books being released all the time, we want to ensure our collection stays current and exciting.

To support this, the LRC has introduced a Google Form that allows students and staff to request books that are not yet in our collection. This initiative has been extremely popular, giving readers the opportunity to suggest and access the latest titles they're eager to enjoy. We're delighted to see such enthusiasm for reading across our school community and look forward to continuing to expand the collection of books in the LRC.

Plea to parents/guardians:

In order to promote reading and have books available for all to read, the LRC is always happy to receive any book donations (in good condition). Please leave any unwanted books with reception, for the attention of Mrs Austen/LRC. All students and staff would be very grateful!



LRC NEWS

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The stationery shop run by the LRC continues to be as busy as ever, with students taking full advantage of getting free stationery, using their star points in exchange for stationery items needed for Period 1 check. Students are able to order via Tutors, and the items are then delivered to the classroom. This worthwhile scheme ensures students always have the correct equipment and best of all, saves them from receiving "no equipment" warnings.

All Period 1 check items are available (apart from calculators) for 30 Star points each.

A Heartfelt 'Thank you'

A really big thank you to all the students who regularly help out in the LRC, as part of the Student LRC team. Thanks as well to all the volunteers from the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme who also help and the Sixth Form volunteers. It is very much appreciated and long may it continue!

'Happy Christmas' to all!

Enjoy the festive break and as always: Happy Reading!



Mrs Austen LRC Manager

COMPUTER SCIENCE NEWS

BIMA Digital Day

On Wednesday 12th November 2025, our Year 10 computer science students took part in BIMA Digital Day, a national event designed to introduce young people to the world of digital, creative, and technology-based careers.

The day was organised and delivered by Mrs Poddar, who guided students through exciting digital challenges inspired by real industry briefs from Aston Martin and HelloFresh. Working in teams, students developed innovative solutions, showcasing creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving skills.

We are delighted to share that students had a fantastic day, fully immersing themselves in the activities and gaining valuable insight into the fast-growing digital sector.

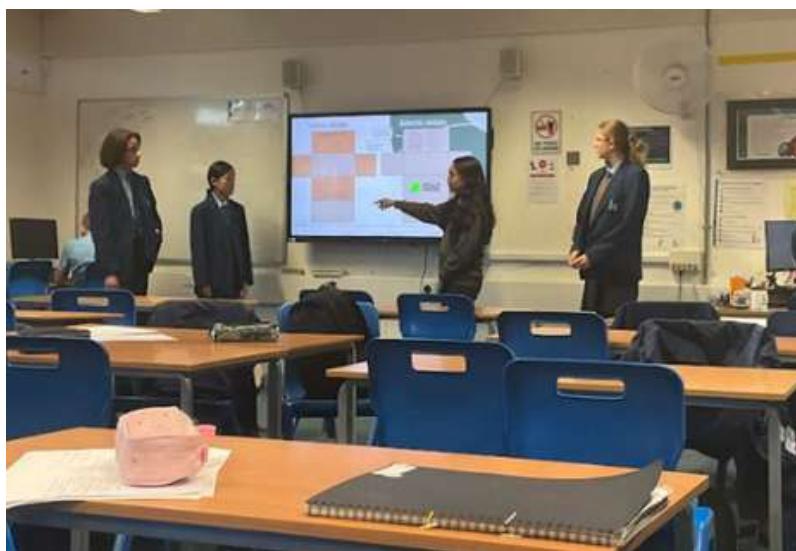
HelloFresh challenge winners: Amy W, Elise H, Ellie F, Zaynab D.

Aston Martin challenge winners: Nandan C, Daniel B, Matthew F, Nicodem D.

Nicodem D, 10C, said: *"I had a great day working on something different" It was a fantastic feeling when our team won. I hope we can win the nationals too."*

Zaynab D, 10A, said: *"I enjoyed working with my team during the BIMA Digital day. It gave us a chance to be creative and think through solutions that work."*

Congratulations to all of our winners for their creativity, teamwork, and impressive presentation of ideas. These winning teams will now go on to compete at the national level, and if chosen they will be representing our school and showcasing their skills in an event in London.



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Kainos Virtual Work Experience Day

On Friday 14th November 2025, some of our Year 11, 12, and 13 computer scientists had the exciting opportunity to take part in a Kainos Work Experience Day, gaining hands-on insight into the world of technology, software development, and digital innovation.

The event provided students with a unique chance to explore real-world tech careers, develop practical skills, and learn from experienced professionals in a dynamic and interactive environment. Students participated in workshops, team challenges, and presentations, all designed to inspire creativity, problem-solving, and collaboration to work on web development technologies using Python programming language.

We are delighted to report that the day was very well received by students, who left feeling motivated, inspired, and more informed about potential future career pathways in the digital and technology sectors.



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Richman K, C66, said: *"I learnt so much about web development and coding in Python in one day that it was exciting. It also made me think of the various career pathways in computer science".*

A huge thank-you to Mr Joseph, Mr Shelley, Ms Hill, Ms Vora, Mrs Modi, Mr Rutter and Mr Hawkins who ran the event, ensuring it was a smooth, engaging, and highly beneficial experience for all students involved. Your hard work and dedication made this day a real success.

Computer Science in Action Study Day – Inspiring our Future Technologists

On Friday 7 November 2025, our Year 12 and 13 Computer Scientists attended Computer Science in Action, an engaging and thought-provoking study day held at the Emmanuel Centre in central London. Designed specifically for A-level, IB, BTEC Level 3 and T-Level learners, the event brought together leading figures from industry and academia to explore the rapidly evolving world of technology and to inspire the next generation of digital innovators.

Throughout the day, students heard from a range of expert speakers who shared their experiences and insights into some of the most exciting areas of modern computing. Sue Black OBE opened the event with **"AI Demystified: Navigating the New Digital Frontier,"** helping students understand the opportunities and challenges posed by artificial intelligence in today's society. Her talk encouraged students to think critically about how AI can be used responsibly and creatively in the future.

Cloud and cybersecurity engineer Caleb Oniwinde followed with **"From Zero to Cloud: How Will You Stand Out?"**, offering valuable guidance on developing technical skills and building resilience in a competitive industry. Students gained a clearer understanding of the pathways into cloud computing, one of the fastest-growing areas in the tech sector.

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Another highlight came from Dr Chris Howe, whose session "**Beyond the Eye**" demonstrated how computer vision and AI are transforming global sports talent identification. His interactive examples helped students appreciate the real-world applications of programming and data science, particularly in elite performance environments.

Dr Tishtrya Mehta explored the world of natural language processing in her talk "**Can We Teach a Computer to Read?**", giving students insight into how machines interpret human language—an area closely linked to search engines, translation tools and AI assistants.

The day concluded with educator and content creator Dan Aldred, who delivered "**Hands-On Computer Science: Learning Beyond Theory**." His talk encouraged students to experiment, problem-solve and engage with computing creatively, reinforcing the importance of practical experience alongside academic study.

In addition to the speaker sessions, students also participated in an Exam Success segment, which provided targeted strategies to help them approach upcoming assessments with confidence. This was particularly beneficial as students will begin to prepare for mock examinations later in the year.

Overall, the Computer Science in Action study day proved to be a highly enriching experience. Students returned with a deeper appreciation of how the concepts they learn in the classroom connect to cutting-edge developments in the wider world. Events like this not only broaden students' subject knowledge but also support them in making informed decisions about their future studies and career ambitions.

Alfie H, C67, said: "I found all the sessions very informative and relevant to my future plans."

Arnav M, C68, said: "I found the exam tips and guidance really useful and practical. I can easily apply them to my revision sessions."

Ms Begum explained: "The sessions were very well organised with an impressive and diverse range of speakers. It was especially great to see so many high achieving women in technology being excellent role models to our students."

We look forward to offering similar enrichment opportunities throughout the year to further support our students' academic and personal development.



YEAR 13 NEWS

As we reach the end of a busy and highly productive term, we want to take a moment to celebrate the outstanding effort shown by our Year 13s. This has been a crucial period in their final year of Sixth Form, and we are incredibly proud of the maturity, ambition and resilience they have demonstrated.

A huge well done to all students who have been working so diligently on their UCAS personal statements and apprenticeship applications. The quality of the writing, the clarity of future goals, and the thoughtful reflections on skills and experiences have been genuinely impressive. Many students are already receiving positive responses from universities and apprenticeship providers, which is a testament to their commitment and hard work.

For those still making final refinements or awaiting interviews, please rest assured that the Sixth Form team will continue to support you every step of the way in the new year.

We also want to congratulate students on their recent PPEs. Preparation for these exams is demanding, and Year 13 have risen to the challenge brilliantly. PPEs are a vital part of the journey towards the real A Level and BTEC exams, helping students understand their strengths, identify areas to improve, and build the exam stamina they'll need in May. Well done to everyone for approaching these assessments with seriousness and determination.

The upcoming holiday offers our Year 13s something they absolutely deserve: rest.

We strongly encourage students to take time to unwind, recharge and spend quality time with family and friends. A healthy balance between productivity and rest is essential, especially after such an intense term.

Although rest is important, maintaining some academic rhythm over the holiday will be crucial for hitting the ground running in January. We recommend students:

- Revisit PPE feedback and prioritise key areas for improvement
- Complete any homework or bridging tasks set by teachers
- Create a light but consistent revision plan
- Keep reading, practising exam questions, and strengthening subject knowledge

A steady approach now will make an enormous difference in the final push toward the real A Levels and BTEC assessments beginning in May. The Spring Term is where everything begins to come together. With ongoing support from teachers, tutors, and the Sixth Form leadership team, we are confident that Year 13 will rise to the challenge and continue to demonstrate the focus and determination they have shown so far.

We believe in every one of our students, and we look forward to celebrating their achievements as the year continues.

Thank you to parents and carers for your ongoing support, it makes an enormous difference. Wishing you all a safe, restful, and joyful winter break.

DRAMA NEWS

On Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th December the Drama department performed their own adaptation of *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens. The students enjoyed every moment of the entire process and can't wait to work on their next play. The school is very lucky to have such brilliant young actors, technicians and theatre makers - and their performances and work is testament to the Ruislip High maxim that "hard work equals success". We were lucky enough to be nominated for the National School Theatre Awards, and our review has been published in full here:



Ruislip High School: *A Christmas Carol* - Making spirits high with this ghostly Christmas adaptation

As NSTA Representatives, I had the enormous privilege of attending Ruislip High School's production of *A Christmas Carol* on the evening of Wednesday 17 December 2025. On what was a suitably chilly December night, I was lucky enough to have a front-row seat for this inventive and highly amusing reimagining of Charles Dickens' original novella. Cleverly directed by Mr Randall, the action was relocated to a pub in (you'll never guess) Ruislip, 2025 - a concept that immediately grounded the story in a familiar, contemporary setting while retaining the heart and moral core of Dickens' timeless tale.

A Christmas Carol follows the miserly Ebenezer Scrooge as he undergoes a profound transformation on Christmas Eve, guided by a series of ghostly visitations that force him to confront his past, examine his present, and reconsider his future. From the moment I entered the theatre, there was a palpable sense of anticipation and excitement, with the audience clearly ready to be entertained. This energy was expertly harnessed even before the action began, thanks to a light-hearted and incredibly humorous pre-show announcement delivered by the Ghost of Christmas Present. Performed with bags of charisma by Max, this moment immediately established the playful tone of the production and reminded the audience that this would be a *Christmas Carol* with warmth, wit and personality in abundance.

The opening monologue, shared by narrators Eva, Deeya and Jess, was a beautifully delivered reminder of the heart of the story. Their storytelling was clear, engaging and well-paced, creating a sense of tension and expectation that set the scene perfectly for our first introduction to Scrooge. This framing device worked particularly well, guiding the audience confidently into the world of the play while ensuring that the moral weight of the story was never lost beneath the humour.

Julian's portrayal of Scrooge was a standout performance. His interpretation was brilliantly cruel, capturing Scrooge's bitterness and miserliness with precision, yet underpinned by an emotional depth that felt far beyond his years. This was a thoughtful and controlled performance, allowing the audience to fully invest in Scrooge's journey. Julian was wonderfully supported by Max as Young Scrooge, whose presence added clarity and emotional resonance to Scrooge's past, helping the audience understand how this lonely figure had come to be.

Following a particularly strong ensemble movement sequence accompanying the entrance of Jacob Marley's Ghost, played with stoic authority by James, the production introduced its trio of Christmas spirits one by one. Each Ghost was distinct in style, tone and energy, offering contrast while maintaining narrative cohesion. The eerie Clown of Christmas Past, portrayed by Katie, was unsettling and effective, while Max's energetic Australian Ghost of Christmas Present brought warmth, humour and boundless enthusiasm to the stage. The final visitor, the macabre Ghost of

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Christmas Future, played by CJ, was genuinely chilling and made particularly effective use of puppetry, which enhanced the sense of dread and inevitability surrounding Scrooge's fate. Each visit was beautifully crafted, guiding the audience smoothly through Scrooge's journey of redemption and self-realisation.

Special commendation must be given to the Cratchit family, who created a beautiful sense of rapport on stage. Each member contributed to a portrayal of a poignantly heartfelt family that the audience could truly care about, making their scenes especially affecting. A particular highlight was Jess's portrayal of Jenny Cratchit, which combined spectacular comic timing with a stunning all-round performance, striking the perfect balance between humour and sincerity.

The closing moments of the production were especially moving. A tear-jerking monologue from James as Marley reminded the audience of the cost of regret and missed opportunity, before a wonderful whole-cast rendition of *Auld Lang Syne* brought the company together in a moment of shared warmth and reflection. The cast's heartfelt Christmas wishes to the audience provided a generous and joyful conclusion.

Every member of the cast and crew, regardless of their role, contributed to the success of this performance. As they took their bows to a brilliantly choreographed dance routine, it was clear that they truly embodied the spirit of *A Christmas Carol*. This production transcended the cold December night, leaving the audience wrapped in warmth and emotion, and powerfully demonstrated the transformative power of theatre within education. In true Dickensian fashion, this *Christmas Carol* proved that a good ghost story can still leave the audience glowing with seasonal cheer.

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SIXTH FORM NEWS

This term has been an extremely busy term for the Sixth Form. We began this academic year by welcoming our largest ever cohort of Year 12s to begin their post-16 studies. This year group have settled really well into sixth form life and have risen to the challenge of starting their new A Level and vocational courses. The sixth form cafe is a hive of activity at break times, and the study rooms are being well utilised. It has been wonderful to see both Year 12 and 13 socialising together, making new friendships and supporting each other.

The focus of Year 13 this term has been looking ahead to the future. I am pleased to say that every student has completed a personal statement or CV, and have been using the support of the sixth form team to apply to university, both here in the UK and abroad. We also have a number of students who have applied to some outstanding apprenticeships and degree apprenticeships with industry leaders such as JP Morgan, and Channel 4. I am delighted to report that a group of students have been invited to interview at Oxford and Cambridge University, and we wish them the best of luck as they nervously await a decision from these world-leading institutions.

It was brilliant to see how confident and knowledgeable our Year 13 EPQ (Extended Project) participants were as they presented their projects to staff and students at the marketplace presentations, which took place in late September. With topics ranging from AI, fashion, musical composition and diversity in Formula One, our students did themselves proud and were able to articulate so eloquently the passion and commitment they have for their projects.

In November, we welcomed Year 11 students from our school, and the local community, to attend our Sixth Form Open Evening. Mr Davies and I were thrilled to address a packed hall of prospective students and their parents/guardians to share information about the fantastic academic outcomes and pastoral support our sixth form continues to offer. Subject stalls were spread throughout the sixth form block, and subject teachers and student leaders did an exceptional job at showcasing their courses. A reminder that applications for September 2026 entry are now open and our [website](#) has all the relevant information about the application process and the courses we offer.

We have had two outstanding speakers who have delivered guest speaker sessions to Year 12, and we are very grateful to local MP, Danny Beales, and Professor Sir Keith Willett (former NHS director and leading trauma surgeon), for giving up their time to share their stories with our students.

Undoubtedly, a highlight of this term has been the Christmas Community Event, hosted by our students. We invited around 50 local residents to the school for an afternoon of festive fun with guests enjoying a few games of BINGO, Christmas sing-a-longs, and a special appearance from Father Christmas himself! This event truly shows the best of our sixth form community and we have been inundated with positive feedback from our guests about how warm and welcoming our students were.

I would like to congratulate our students on such a successful term and for making our sixth form such a focused, inclusive and brilliant place to be.

Mr Sills
Head of Sixth Form

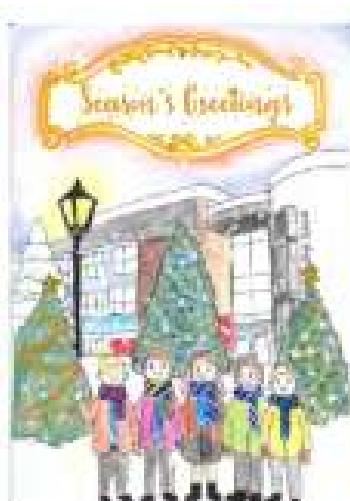
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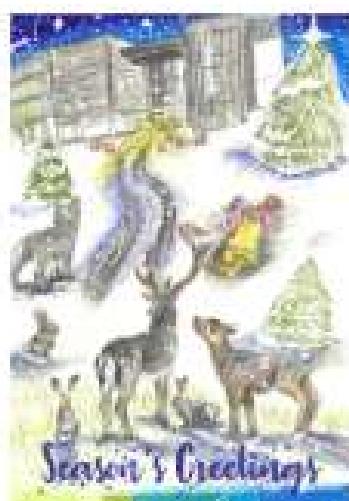
Winter card competition

We had so many sensational entries this festive season which made Mr Davies' and Mr Noble's decision especially hard this year! I have shared just some of them in our RHS gallery as there are just too many to mention. The entries this year were so good that Mr Davies has decided to pick 3 top designs!

A massive congratulations to Tommy, Arya & Hamza for their sensational entries that capture the festive season with a sprinkle of Ruislip High magic!



Arya



Tommy



Hamza

ACD raffle

During the months of November, March and June, students can win multiple raffle tickets throughout the month by showing their perseverance and determination during lesson and effort in their HWK. At the end of the months, 3 students are selected at random to win some creative prizes! November's winners are:

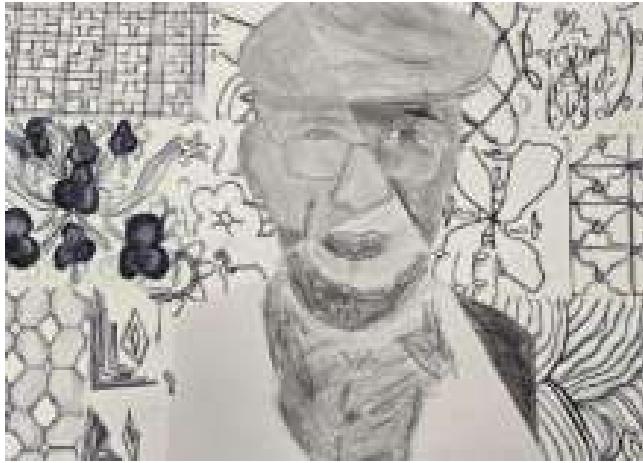
- Sophia K 7B
- Crystelle 7D
- Ewan 7F
- Tilly 8D
- William 8W
- Boe 8C
- Harry 9A
- Henry 9A
- Megan 9S



This is a fantastic opportunity not only to be rewarded for your continued hard work but also get some free art supplies!

Start getting ready to impress your teachers in March!

ART, CRAFT & DESIGN NEWS



Art Club

Art club has focused on so many different things during this term ,from cubist portraits, inclusive posters, collage fruit and artists portraits!

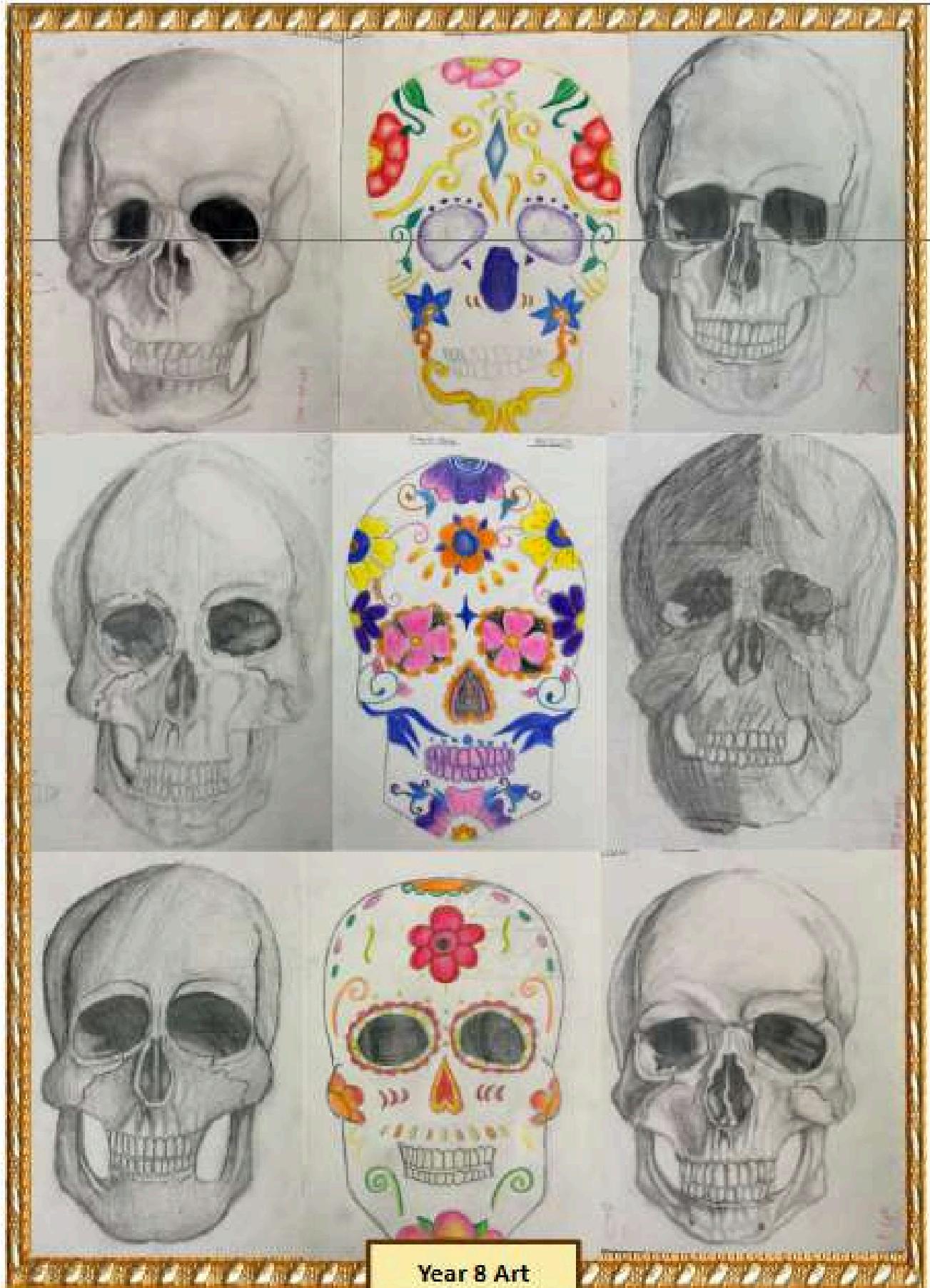
Students have worked so hard to create some amazing work that will be popping up on display around the school so keep your eyes peeled!

Next term Ms Boyden is going to lead Art club with some sustainability themed works so sign up now!

RHS Gallery

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





Year 8 Art



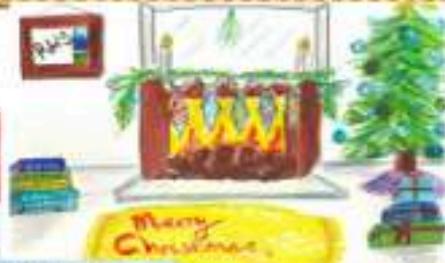
Year 9 Textiles



Year 9 Art

Here are just **SOME** of the
AMAZING winter card entries
we have had this year!

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Merry Christmas

KEY DATES

Monday 5th January 2026: INSET day
Tuesday 6th January 2026: Term begins
Thursday 8th January 2026: GCSE resit results day
Thursday 8th January 2026: Year 9 theatre trip
Friday 9th January 2026: Year 13 PPEs begin
Tuesday 13th January 2026: Friends of RHS meeting
Wednesday 14th January 2026: Final UCAS deadline
Wednesday 14th January 2026: Year 8/9 spanish play
Thursday 15th January 2026: Year 12 guest speaker, James Peterson
Wednesday 21st January 2026: VLT spelling bee
Thursday 22nd January 2026: Year 11 parents' evening
Friday 23rd January 2026: Sixth form applications deadline
Friday 23rd January 2026: Year 12 speaker, Anjana Ahuja
Monday 26th January 2026: Year 7/8/9 french play
Tuesday 27th January 2026: Parent voice meeting (in person)
Wednesday 28th January 2026: Year 11 music recital
Thursday 29th January 2026: Year 9 theatre trip
Thursday 29th January 2026: Year 12 Sorted assembly
Thursday 29th January 2026: Year 11 GCSE Poetry live trip
Monday 2nd February 2026: LGBTQ+ history month
Monday 2nd February 2026: Year 11 music exams
Tuesday 3rd February 2026: Friends of RHS meeting
Tuesday 3rd February 2026: Year 11 theatre trip
Thursday 5th February 2026: Year 12 parents' evening
Friday 6th February 2026: Year 11/13 Art trip to Tate Modern
Monday 9th February 2026: Languages week
Monday 9th February 2026: Year 11/12 Reach pathway trip to St Anne's Oxford
Monday 9th February 2026: Year 9 languages week assembly
Tuesday 10th February 2026: Safer internet day
Tuesday 10th February 2026: Year 9 teenage booster vaccinations
Tuesday 10th February 2026: Spanish film
Thursday 12th February 2026: French film
Friday 13th February 2026: Half term ends
Monday 16th – Friday 20th February 2026: Half term
Monday 23rd February 2026: Half term begins
Tuesday 24th February 2026: Year 10 Fine Art PPE
Wednesday 25th February 2026: Year 12 guest speaker, Bank of England
Thursday 26th February 2026: Year 9 textiles workshops
Thursday 26th February 2026: Year 9 Options Evening
Monday 2nd March 2026: World book week
Monday 2nd March 2026: Year 11 core PPEs
Wednesday 4th March 2026: Sixth form interviews
Wednesday 4th March 2026: VLT netball competition
Thursday 5th March 2026: World book day
Monday 9th March 2026: Year 12 speaker, David Dein
Tuesday 10th March 2026: Parent voice meeting (remote)

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Thursday 12th March 2026: Careers fair

Thursday 12th March 2026: Year 10 parents' evening

Monday 16th March 2026: Neurodiversity celebration week

Tuesday 17th March 2026: Year 12 art PPE

Tuesday 17th March 2026: Game 24

Wednesday 18th March 2026: VLT science challenge

Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th March 2026: Year 10 drama practical

Monday 23rd March 2026: Year 12 UCAS Exhibition trip

Tuesday 24th March 2026: Year 12 drama practical

Wednesday 25th March 2026: Year 7 parents' evening

Thursday 26th March 2026: Year 12 post-18 information evening

Friday 27th March 2026: Year 9 Battlefields trip leaves

Friday 27th March 2026: Term ends