

LANGUAGES WEEK 2023

"The speaker was very motivational and inspirational. The breakfast was a really nice way to start the day and speak spanish. Overall, Languages Week has been really fun and has shown us how we can apply languages to real life situations."
Harry, Year 9



Image above: Our Year 9 students help themselves to a fantastic selection at the Languages Week breakfast

This week, Ruislip High School celebrated its annual Languages Week to coincide with 'International Mother Language Day'.

The week kicked off on Monday 6th March, when our fifteen newly appointed Language Ambassadors held their first assembly to Year 7s on the importance of learning languages. That afternoon a theatre company performed a play to 300 Year 7-10 students who study French. The play was performed completely in French and was called 'La Maison Hantée (the Haunted House)'. The play was very funny and some of our students were fortunate enough to get cameo roles.

On Tuesday 7th March, the Year 9 languages breakfast was hosted by the Year 10 Language Ambassadors. There were 110 students in attendance and the event was a fantastic success. Students enjoyed an array of French and Spanish food, ranging from croissants to churros. In addition, students took part in a code breaking task using their language skills to try and win one of the four Amazon vouchers up for grabs.





Image above: An image from the French performance, 'La Maison Hantée' enjoyed by our French language students

Next up, on Wednesday 8th March, the motivational MFL speaker, Paul Hughes spoke to all Year 9 students. He spoke about his struggles at school and how he overcame them in the RAF where he learnt how to speak Russian, Arabic and Pashto. He also regaled the students with how his ability to speak numerous languages helped save his life when he was kidnapped.

On Wednesday afternoon, 120 students attended the screening of 'Strange World' in Spanish whilst enjoying free popcorn donated by CineWorld and Iceland. On Thursday 9th March, 90 students enjoyed the same film - but this time in French!

Throughout this week language themed activities were planned in lessons across the school, to demonstrate to all students the influence of languages across the curriculum. Thank you to all of our staff and students who engaged with Languages Week, it was a truly brilliant week and we are looking forward to Languages Week 2024 already!

THE GREAT RHS LITTER PICK

On Friday 3rd March, 60 of our students were involved in a community litter pick, in association with the Hillingdon Litter Picking Association.

Organised by the Friends of Ruislip High School, the event was a brilliant opportunity for our students to give back to the local community and contribute to the Trust's Environmental Sustainability Week.

Students were allocated different 'zones' in the local area, such as West End Road and the Banana Park; they worked in groups of three collecting waste and separating it into recyclable and non-recyclable rubbish.

Students managed to collect 25 bags of rubbish in just under 30 minutes, showing what a big impact we can all have on the environment in such a short space of time. All who attended the event commented on how fun it was to get involved.

Alex Sim, who leads the Hillingdon Litter Picking Association told us that the students who helped were all great and said: "It was a great way to end the week educating our youth about caring for our environment."

Thank you to all of the students and parents who supported the event.





FRIENDS CORNER

Thank you to all of the parents who donated items to our first second-hand uniform sale on Friday 3rd March. The amount of stock was much appreciated by all of the parents who attended the sale and grabbed a few bargains.

Our next uniform sale is taking place on **Wednesday 22nd March** at the Year 7 and 8 Spring Festival. If you have any uniform items you would like to donate, please hand them in to the school's reception ahead of this date. Please can we kindly ask that any donated uniform is washed before it is dropped off. Thank you.

If you have any questions, or would like to get involved in the Friends parent group please get in touch via email: friendsofrhs@ruisliphigh.org.uk.

KEY DATES:

Date:	Event
Monday 13th March	Beginning of STEM Week
Tuesday 14th March	Trip to New York City for the Model UN departs
Tuesday 21st March	Year 12 Post-18 Options Evening
Wednesday 22nd March - 5:00pm-7pm	Year 7 and 8 Spring Festival
Monday 27th March	Beginning of Safeguarding Week
Monday 27th March	Start of Year 10 PPEs
Monday 27th March - 5:00pm	Friends Meeting (PTA)

SCHOOL UPDATES:

Safeguarding updates:

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Hillingdon Safeguarding Partnership - Parent resources: [click here](#)

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Year 12 Post-18 Information Evening Letter: [click here](#)

Year 7 and 8 Spring Festival Letter: [click here](#)