

Ruislip High School NEWSLETTER

Spring 2018

YEAR 12 AND 13: GENEVA, SWITZERLAND SCIENCE TRIP TO CERN

During the February half term, 23 A-level students visited CERN in Geneva. The visit took place from Wednesday 14th to Saturday 16th February 2018 and students were accompanied by Mr Gould, Mr Maclean and Ms Wong.



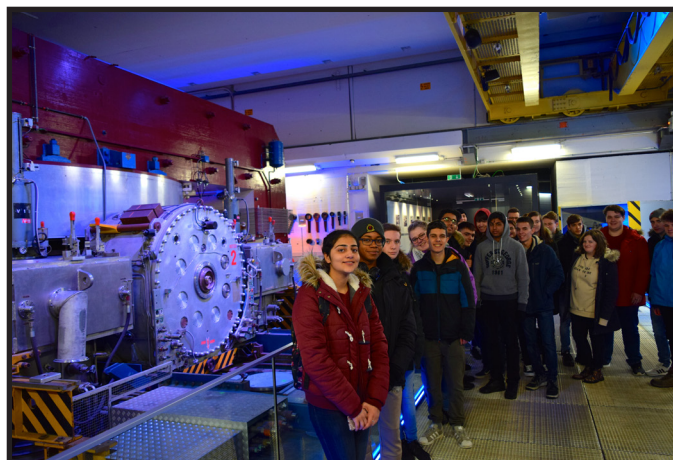
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Mr Gould, Senior Leader wrote: 'On the first day we took a boat trip around Lake Geneva (le lac Lemman) seeing the sights of this beautiful city with Mont Blanc as a backdrop. After the boat trip we visited the History of Science Museum, which for me was a real highlight!'



Day 2 was the main event: a visit to the world famous nuclear research facility, CERN. Our guide, Professor Keisho Hidaka, was truly inspiring. Having worked at CERN since the mid-1990s, Professor Hidaka knew everything. The students asked insightful questions and the Professor said: "you have many budding CERN researchers in your group." The main exhibitions, Microcosm and the Universe of Particles were spectacular although the students seemed more taken with the fantastic food on offer in the cafeteria! After a full day at CERN, everybody was in the mood for a treat: fondue and Swiss folk music. A great night was had by all: fondue, Swiss sausage and live music. A number of the party, including Mr Maclean, tried their hand at playing a giant Swiss horn - some with more success than others!



The final day of the trip was spent at the Red Cross museum and at the UN. Both were remarkable in their own way. Everyone agreed that it would have been great to have more time at both. Next year maybe. The journey back from the UN was the highlight for many: a double decker train!'

Student quotes:

'It was amazing to see someone at CERN get so excited about their research. His passion has really motivated me to approach A-level physics with the same energy!' Jordan

'Fon, doo you think I enjoyed the CERN trip? Well I can tell you that I very well did! Fondue, double decker trains and CERN - a fantastic trip! Thank you!' Hannah

'The students were an absolute joy to take abroad - a wonderful trip.' Mr Gould

HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

After watching the whole-school production, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, on Thursday 15th March 2018, I was reminded of the ambition our staff have for our students. I left that evening glowing with pride; the teachers' ambition for our students was most certainly realised. The performance was captivating throughout; had numerous hilarious moments superbly executed by the students; had highly creative adaptations, including contemporary references; and allowed students and staff to embark on a journey to create an excellent production.



There have been several examples this term where staff have continued to provide our students with experiences that broaden their horizons beyond the classroom. Over the half-term holiday, there were three international trips: Year 11 history students went to Berlin; Year 9 took part in our annual Battlefields trip to Belgium and France; and sixth form students experienced the wonders of the Large Hadron Collider as part of our biennial trip to Cern in Geneva. Staff's willingness to lead school trips during the holidays shows their commitment to our students' education and the pleasure they gain from witnessing the impact these opportunities have on students' future aspirations.



There were also new experiences for our students. I am so proud that we were able to realise our ambition for sixth form students this term to take part in a Model United Nations General Assembly (MUNGA) in early March; it was wonderful to watch their daily videos about their experiences as they took part in the MUNGA in New York as representatives for Mauritius.



The Hillingdon Battlefields trip involving ten secondary schools to the World War I Battlefields of France and Belgium in February was a first for the borough and is part of the national education programme to promote the centenary of World War I; part of the scheme will be to develop a legacy for the local community.

Finally, the annual safeguarding week helps our students to deal with the challenges they face particularly during teenage years. On Friday 23rd March 2018, the talks given by Barry and Margaret Mizen were extremely thought provoking. The Mizens' message of forgiveness was extremely powerful and challenged students to consider whether individuals should be defined by their mistakes.

Our school community is based on relationships of trust and respect; this allows us to be ambitious and encourage our students to fulfil their undoubted potential. It also resonates with our school's motto, which represents high aspirations: *from grass roots to reaching for the sky*.

Dr Martina Lecky
Headteacher

TRIP TO THE BBC

On Monday 15th January 2018, six students from Years 10 and 11 were invited by Professor Brian Cox and Robin Ince to see a recording of *The Infinite Monkey Cage* at BBC Broadcasting House. This was in recognition of the students appearing on the Victoria Derbyshire show back in October. It was on the teenage brain and Professor Sarah-Jayne Blakemore was on the panel (she is one of the most eminent academics in the field). It was a wonderful experience for all.

Tariq said: *'I never realised my brain was changing so much.'*

Reem said: *'It was a fantastic experience to be part of the audience at the radio show. It was a great evening.'*

Dr Martina Lecky, Mr Gould and Ms Jeff thoroughly enjoyed taking the students for this unique experience.



LET'S THINK SCIENCE GAMES

On Friday 16th March, twenty-seven Year 7 students visited Ruislip Gardens for the morning. The students were finalists in the Year 7 Let's Think Science competition.

The design brief had been as follows:

**A variable is 'something that can change' and its values are 'how it changes'.
The challenge is to design and make a game that teaches Year 6 students about variables and their values.**

The Year 6 students from Ruislip Gardens thoroughly enjoyed playing the games. It was wonderful to see how impressed the Year 6 students were with the standard of the games and how the Year 7 Ruislip High students were role models and ambassadors for the school.

The overall winners were announced at the Year 7 Celebration Assembly.

First place:
Elliott and Joe, both 7W

Second place:
Keela and Charlotte, both 7W

Third place:
Wareen, 7B





Ruislip High Students

'I have had an incredible experience. It think Year 6 have really enjoyed playing our games.' Keela, 7W

'I have learnt so much about variables and values.' Robyn, 7B

'I have had a great time watching the Year 6 children play our games and understand about variables and values.' Joe, 7S

'I have had a great time seeing how the children played our games.' Kirsty, 7S

'It has been a really fun experience to come out of school and to represent Ruislip High School.' Jasmyn, 7C



Ruislip Gardens Students

'The games are very enjoyable and lots of fun.'

'I enjoyed all the different board games.'

'The games are really good. I've enjoyed getting to meet new people from Ruislip High School.'

'The creativity of the games were amazing. Some were a little bit challenging. I enjoyed it!'

PANATHLON COMPETITION

On 15th January 2018, six Ruislip High students took part in the first heat of this year's Panathlon competition which was held at Featherstone High School. The students competed alongside other Hillingdon schools against Hounslow and Ealing. James, Year 11, Samantha, Year 11, Kavindu, Year 9, Satya, Year 9, Reece, Year 9 and Lily-Mai, Year 7, all took part in individual sports as well as relays.

The results:

James and Kavindu won Gold medals for the power chair slalom;
Lily-Mai and Kavindu won Bronze for the beanbag throwing event;
Samantha, Satya and Lily-Mai won Gold in table cricket;
Reece won two Gold medals for polybat and javelin;
Samantha received a Gold medal for javelin.

The highlight of the day was the exciting relay races where students of all abilities took part. The atmosphere was incredible and the points from the relay races placed the Hillingdon team joint first place with Hounslow. The result was decided by one final race.

Overall, Ruislip High students helped the Hillingdon team win the first heat and they will now represent West London in the next round at St Mary's University on 27th March 2018. The Ruislip High students thoroughly enjoyed taking part in this competition and are looking forward to competing in the next round.



ICE SKATING WINTER REWARD TRIP

The winter reward trip took place on Friday 2nd February 2018, available to those students who have three or few warning checks in their planner so far this school year. In other words they are excellent students who do the right thing all the time or almost all of the time! Organiser Mr Stent said: *'It was wonderful to see 206 amazing Ruislip High students all skating together! They fully deserved this fun trip for showing superb effort and behaviour at school. It was also exciting for them to be part of a convoy of three double decker buses heading to the Guildford Spectrum rink. Thanks also to the 12 staff who gave up part of their Friday evening to help supervise. We are already look forward to the next reward trip!'*



SIXTH FORM NEWS

The Student Leadership Team 2018-2019:

On Thursday 8th March, the Sixth Form team were delighted to announce the appointment of the new Student Leadership Team for the school.

The calibre of applications was incredibly high this year; all who applied demonstrated their understanding of the school ethos clearly in their written applications, the interview process and during their student presentations to their year group. After this rigorous application process, Dr Lecky, Ms Horton and Mr Peacock, selected the following team:

Head Student – Maya (C61)
Deputy Head Student with responsibility for Key Stage Three – Lucy (C63)
Deputy Head Student with responsibility for Key Stage Four – Hannah (C62)
Director of Heads of Year and Head of Year 11 (current Year 10): Zoe (C66)
Head of Year 7 – Khadra (C68)
Head of Year 8 – Becky (C66)
Head of Year 9 – Hager (C64)
Head of Year 10 – Maia (C61)
Head of Year 11 – Charlotte (C65)

The new prefect team will be in charge of promoting the school ethos across their year group or key stage. They will have the responsibility of leading assemblies and events, supporting lower school students and running the YTC for their year group. The Sixth Form team are sure they will be excellent role models for students across the school.

In addition, the following students took on posts of responsibility in the Sixth Form community, to promote a positive environment for all students.

Head of Events – Charlotte (C67) and Da (C65)
Head of Joining Students – Hashim (C67) and Marcelo (C62)
Head of Communications – Rebecca (C68)
Head of Volunteering – Charlotte (C65)
Head of Mentoring (Academic) – Marya (C64)
Head of Mentoring (Pastoral) – Verity (C65)

Sixth Form staff would like to wish all of the new student leaders good luck and are sure they will do an amazing job over the next year!

Of course, ushering in a new team means saying goodbye to the previous Student Leadership Team, led by Head Student James (C61). Sixth Form staff want to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to the entire team. Mrs Ohana said: *'What a year and what an incredible team! There are no words to say how grateful I have been for all of their hard work, enthusiasm and boundless energy. They have been an inspiration to their peers in the Sixth Form and role models to all of the younger students in the school. I cannot express enough how proud they have made me, as their Head of Year; we will truly miss them volunteering at our school events.'*

Mr Peacock, who leads the Sixth Form Leadership Team commented: *'I have been extremely impressed with the 2017-2018 Student Leadership Team, who have shown both flair and dedication in their work over the last year. One of the highlights of the year was the rap by James, Jordan and Zach at Presentation Evening in November. However, what will last longest in my memory is the fact that, whatever the situation, there were always members of the team ready to stand up and be counted - often at very short notice. They have been a credit to the school.'*

SIXTH FORM NEWS

Post-18 Parent Information Evening

On Tuesday 20th March 2018, Year 12 parents were invited in to hear about the support on offer for all Sixth Form students as they begin to think about their life beyond Ruislip High School. The talk consisted of information about UCAS, the university application process, apprenticeships and Year 12 experience.

Led by Miss O'Neill and Ms Horton, the Sixth Form team hope that all who attended left with a sense of focus, as the Year 12 students begin to think about their final year at Ruislip High School.

Trip to the Model United Nations General Assembly in New York

On Wednesday 7th March 2018, Ms Horton and Mrs Ohana accompanied 14 Sixth Form students, who had been chosen to take part in the Model United Nations General Assembly 2018. The event took place in New York City and comprised of 4,000 students from 50 countries, working together to debate and resolve a number of international issues. Students from Ruislip High School were honoured to take part as the delegation for Mauritius, representing the country on a number of different committees.



The students on the trip were selected after a rigorous application process; their passion for debate and political current affairs shone through on their applications and throughout the trip! This was the first time Ruislip High School took part in MUNGA and staff and students were especially excited that the school was one of a small number of UK schools selected to take part in the New York City conference. This is the largest of the Model United Nations conferences and the only one to partially take place in the United Nations headquarters in New York City.

The proceedings began with an opening ceremony in the Hilton Midtown's Grand Ballroom and featured a keynote address from a distinguished US Ambassador. Then it was straight down

to business, with students heading into their committees for their first session. The students gained experience debating topical issues, such as: declining fertility rates on small island nations; the civil war in South Sudan; the impact of tourism on climate change; and issues surrounding cyber-security. The committee sessions were challenging, with students needing to be well-researched in their selected field, and required a collaborative effort, as students needed to work with other delegates to reach a resolution.

MUNGA concluded with a closing ceremony, which took place at the United Nations General Assembly Hall. It was a truly impressive and awe-inspiring end to a demanding few days.

The Sixth Formers involved were excellent ambassadors for the school, displaying the values of the school in their attitude towards the conference and their conduct whilst out and about in New York City. Joseph (C67) told us: *'Attending the Model United Nations was a fantastic experience. I really enjoyed the chance to mingle with students from all around the world and see ideas from new perspectives.'*

The week was best summed up by Hashim (C67) who said: *'It was amazing. The sessions were lots of hard work, but by the end of the week we had completed resolutions papers we were really proud of. Each paper was a masterpiece; it merged the ideas of students from all around the world, who came up with ideas that would benefit everyone. It was really cool and fun.'*

Finally, the school would like to thank everyone who donated to the fundraising campaign for the trip. Without you the trip would not have been able to go ahead and Ms Horton and all the students are incredibly grateful to you for your generosity. It really was a trip of a lifetime and an experience that none of the students who attended will forget.



Easter Egg Hunt – Tuesday 27th March 2018

Sixth Form students were delighted to welcome students in Year 7, on the afternoon of Tuesday 27th March for the annual Ruislip High School Easter Egg Hunt! Teams of Year 7 students were led by a Sixth Form captain to hunt the grounds for hidden eggs left behind by that pesky Easter bunny. Prizes were awarded to the Year 7 team who demonstrated the best team work skills at the event. But of course, all students who took part got to go home with a basket full of delicious, chocolate treats.

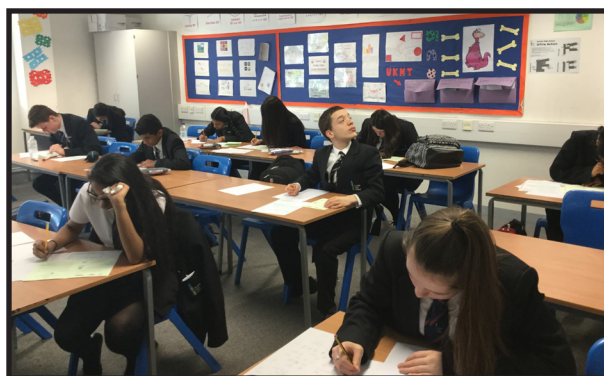
Charlotte (C67) said: *'I really enjoyed helping the Year 7s to work in a team and hunt for eggs. It was a delight to see their faces as they collected more chocolate than they can eat!'*

Ruislip High School hopes all the students involved had an egg-cellent time!

Sixth Form team

MATHS NEWS

In February the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge took place. The Intermediate Challenge is aimed at students in Year 11 or below in England and Wales; 10 students who attend Maths Club participated from Ruislip High School. The challenge involved answering 25 multiple-choice questions in one hour under normal exam conditions. Having received the results a few weeks ago, the maths department were pleased to see that all of the students achieved a certificate, which is indicative of an admirable result.



The following four students received a gold award and passed onto the next round: Victoria, 10A, Fionnuala, 10S, Thiviya, 10W, and Jothinila, 10B.

The following four students received a silver award: Suakshi, 10B, Adam, 10A, Adam, 10C, and Sivathanushan, 10B.

Hannah, 9W, and Isha, 9B, received a bronze award.

Victoria, 10A, has also been offered a place on the UKMT Mathematics Summer School programme after scoring in the top 1.5% in the UK. This is a remarkable achievement. Congratulations!

Year 8 and 9 London Regional Final Maths Challenge

The Year 8 and 9 London Regional Final Maths Challenge took place on Wednesday 21st February 2018 at Preston Manor School, Wembley. The competition took place from 10am to 3pm.

Each school entered a team of four students. The Ruislip High School team was made up of Hannah, 9W, Isha, 9B, Anna, 8S, and Chiyana, 8S.

Activities at the competition included a group challenge, cross number and a relay with each activity taking about 20 to 30 minutes. There were refreshments and a prize-giving ceremony. Ruislip High School came 16th out of 27 schools and thoroughly enjoyed the day.

The inter-borough '24' Game Competition



Ruislip High School hosted the annual '24' Game Maths Competition on Thursday 10th March 2018 after school in the Learning Resource Centre. Year 7 students from twelve other local schools took part.

The aim of the game was to use all four numbers given (by adding, subtracting, multiplying, dividing) to make 24, e.g. 1, 3, 4, 7 could be $4 \times 7 - 1 - 3$.

There were three rounds, with each round increasing in difficulty, including double digits, fractions and decimals. As the competition got underway, there was a real air of competitiveness as each team of two whispered suggestions of the solutions to each other. Ruislip High was represented by Morgan, 7B, Rhys, 7A, Daniel, 7A, and Klevi, 7W.

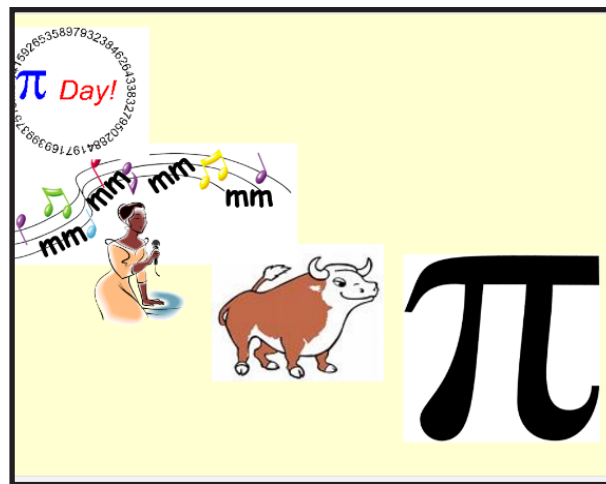
Bishopshalt School came in first place with Ruislip High and Rosedale College joint second. There were no sore losers – everyone had an enjoyable time with some students asking if they could compete again next year!

World Pi Day

World Pi Day fell on 14th March 2018.

Pi Day is observed on 14th March because of the Ancient Greek mathematician Archimedes' first rough approximation of pi as being 3.14. (A few years later, Archimedes was able to calculate a much better approximation of pi.)

People celebrate Pi Day in a variety of ways; most of them include eating pie (as pi and pie are homophones) and discussing the relevance of pi. Here at Ruislip High our students took part in a Pi Day Dingbat quiz! Don't be a dingbat, say what you see...



TRAVEL AND TOURISM NEWS

The Travel and Tourism department is pleased to report the results of the Year 11 Unit 1 January BTEC exam, which received an 80% pass rate. Callum, 11D, Diana, 11A, Patit, 11A and Ammi, 11S all achieved super results of which they can be very proud.

Year 11

Year 11 students have recently completed Unit 4: International Travel & Tourism Destinations to a very high standard, with a number of students obtaining merit marks. They have now made a positive start to Unit 5: Factors Affecting Worldwide Travel & Tourism.

Year 12

Year 12 students have recently completed Unit 3: The UK as a Destination, with some outstanding pieces of coursework being produced. They are now embarking on Unit 8: Long Haul Travel Destinations, which they will complete before the end of the summer term.

Year 13

Year 13 students have recently embarked on their final unit of the course: Unit 7: European Destinations. A particular well done must go to Lucy, C61, who is on track to exceed her target grade by the end of the year.

YEAR 7 NEWS

Year 7 have had a brilliant spring term. They have shown their sense of community and unity as they worked together as 'Team Green' on events like the Ruislip High School Festival of Cultural Integrity, World Book Day and the Interform Quiz.

RHS Festival of Cultural Integrity



Year 7 students were so excited to take part in our first ever RHS festival. During the planning stages, anticipation was high and tutor times were buzzing with excitement as students worked together, sharing ideas and making resources for their tutor group stalls. Each tutor group chose a country or culture that they wanted to celebrate. They took the research really seriously and I know that all students were able to learn about a range of cultures.

On the evening, they couldn't have made the school more proud. Year 7 were great ambassadors for our school. Staff commented on how the different tutor groups were able to work as a team to make sure that

each and every stall was a success. The range of activities were great and the food was delicious!

Year 7 were also enthusiastic to take part in the physical activities during the evening. There were lots of Year 7s racing each other on the bungee run or battling in the sumo ring.

World Book Day

World Book Day is always an exciting event on the RHS calendar. Students in Year 7 are invited to dress up as their favourite literary, film or comic book character to celebrate literature and reading. It was delightful to see the range of characters that the students transformed into for the day. There were some stand-out costumes like Maleficent, the chimney sweep from Water Babies, Michael Jackson, The Little Mermaid and even a Thing 1 and Thing 2.



The students took part in a costume parade in a special World Book Day assembly and the best costumes were judged by Dr Lecky, Ms Loizou and Ms Cooney.

Mrs Austen was thoroughly impressed with the students' efforts and declared 2018 as the best Word Book Day ever.

Interform Quiz

Year 7 have shown off their general knowledge skills in the Interform Quiz. Students were put into teams during tutor time and took part in an initial quiz heat. The winning team from each tutor group represented their tutor group in the semi-final during assembly. The winning team will be representing Year 7 when they battle other teams from Key Stage 3.

YEAR 7 NEWS

Mr Smithson, who organised the event said that the level of knowledge from Year 7 was truly impressive.

Emerald Elite Cup

Year 7 have been battling hard to win the exclusive Emerald Elite Cup this term. Students are able to gain points for their tutor group based on attendance and reward wheels as well as bonus points for reading the school pledge in assembly. However, points can be lost based on the number of warnings that students have.

The competition has been fierce with 7W and 7S battling for the top spot. With one week to go, the winner for this term will be announced in Celebration Assembly.

Miss Loizou
Head of Year 7

MEDIA STUDIES NEWS

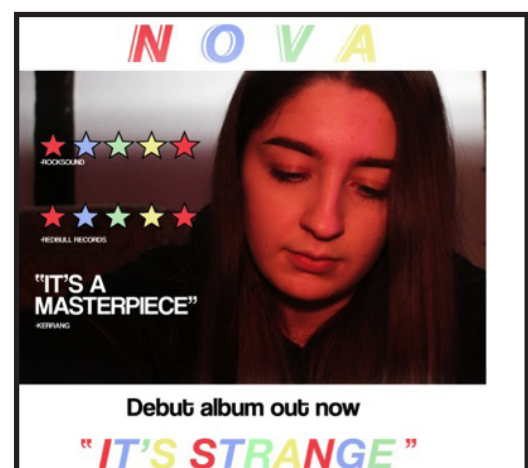
This term has been a jam-packed one for media studies students! Firstly, in Year 10 students have been studying the industry issues behind the James Bond franchise, in preparation for their Component 1 exam. They will be using this knowledge of the spy genre in the summer term, when they begin the creation of their own film marketing campaign for their non-examined assessment unit. The department can't wait to see what creative concepts the students come up with for their projects!

Meanwhile, in Year 13 students are producing a campaign for a musical artist, including a music video, a poster and album artwork. The high-calibre work being produced by students truly reflects their passion for the subject and their engagement with the production element of the course. Although all groups produced exciting and creative work, Mrs Ohana awarded two groups with special awards at the Sixth Form celebration assembly, for their outstanding effort in production. The groups were: Sophie, Milly and Shannon for their video to 'Homemade Dynamite' and Tanya, Brooke and Caleah for their video to 'It's Strange'. Well done to both groups!

Examples of Year 13 work:



Left: work by Sophie, Shannon and Milly.



Right: work by Tanya, Brooke and Caleah

YEAR 8 NEWS

We would like to start this newsletter by stating how fantastic the year group has been this term. Spring Term has possibly been the best for Year 8s since they joined Ruislip High and we are getting praise from members of staff on a daily basis. It seems that our students' resolution for the New Year was to show how extraordinary they can be, individually and as a team!

This term has been a demonstration that with effort and respect for each other, we can all become a better version of ourselves.

Here are just some of the things you and your parents/ guardians should be very proud of.

Winter Reward Trip

Nothing is more fitting to celebrate the effort and hard work of our students than to start with the Reward Trip. Year 8 students joined other year groups in good number for the Winter Reward Trip that took place at Guilford Spectrum on the 9th February, 2018. Students took up the courage to pull on their ice-skates and showed some amazing skills on the ice. We would like to personally express our respect and admiration for Sophie, 8A, who, despite being very scared at first, persevered, went back on the ice and had a fabulous time in the end. Well done Sophie for showing us that resilience and determination always pay off! It was also great to see that most students had improved since last year too! Needless to say that we all had a lot of well-deserved fun.



Another reward trip will be organised in the summer term so if you want to enjoy a fun day outside school, keep your attendance high and your warnings low!

Festival of Cultural Integrity – 13th February 2018

As promised in the previous newsletter, the Festival of Cultural Integrity has proven to be a fantastic event for students, family and staff. The amount of work that each tutor group has invested in the creation and running of their stall can only but spark off admiration for our students. We started our cultural journey on the shores of England with 8F and travelled all the way to Australia with 8D, with a little detours via Ireland, Italy and Hawaii. The event was organised to support the victims of the Grenfell Tower disaster and Year 8's hard work raised over £400. Well done to all of you: your attitude during the preparation of the event and throughout the evening really made us all proud. We would like to make a special mention to 8C who raised the most money in Year 8 and came close second in the whole school.

But, given the tragic circumstances leading the event to be organised in the first place, it would be cynical to make it about competition and money. What was truly beautiful that evening was to see the whole community celebrating our differences but, perhaps more importantly, showing our unity in rallying together to support a noble cause. Thank you Year 8s.



Safeguarding Week – 19th-23rd of March

Year 8 students had the opportunity to attend safeguarding talks and assemblies during which they could learn or be reminded of how to keep safe on-line and in their everyday life.

We would like to thank all the professionals who visited Ruislip High to inform our students about the dangers of social media and abusive relationships amongst other things, dangers that are unfortunately all but too real to our students.

Year 8s experienced a different kind of lesson that they appear to have enjoyed greatly. We also had the honour to hear Mr and Mrs Mizen, who came to talk about their son Jimmy who died, aged 16, in an unprovoked attack ten years ago. Their message was one of forgiveness, peace and hope. They reminded us that these values are worth fighting for, especially in today's world. We have no doubt that Year 8s will defend these principles with even more passion after their heart-warming talk.



Transforming Lives

We are very proud to announce that seven of our students have been selected to take part in this programme organised by the Youth Sport Trust. The idea is to use sport to transform the lives of young people, by giving them more confidence and improving their life skills. This year the programme is focusing on students identifying as girls. Our seven students spent the day at Brunel University on 26th, March 2018 to receive a leadership training that they will use back at school to coach 40 more Year 8 students. This is a fantastic opportunity to all students taking part to get more active, get to know each other, and to conduct a project that will change students' vision of sport and of themselves. The 40 students have not been chosen yet so if you would like to take part, please let yourself be known to the student leaders or to Miss Lucas.

We will tell you more about our students' progress in the summer newsletter. For now, we would like to thank Laurelle, 8B and Kayleigh, 8B; Chelsea, 8C; Kairi, 8D; Macie, 8F and Cody, 8F; and Aleah, 8W; for taking part in, and leading, this amazing project.

Sports News

There are too many great sport achievements for the year group this term to list them all but we would like to thank and praise all students taking part in after-school activities and sport teams, defending the Ruislip colours in the borough and beyond!

This is just a glimpse of how well Year 8s have done this term. Now it is time for you all to enjoy a well-deserved holiday and to eat too much chocolate!

We will see you all on the 16th of April to start an even more exciting term!

Miss Lucas
on behalf of the Year 8 Team

LRC NEWS: HIGHLIGHTS

Special World Book Day Edition

2018 Another exciting year

The Learning Resource Centre (LRC) has had a jam-packed diary for 2018 starting with:

World Book Day

This is one of the highlights of the year and by far the busiest time for the LRC. On Thursday, 1st March 2018, the Year 7 students celebrated World Book Day, an event celebrated by a vast number of schools around the world.

On the day, despite the weather, the majority of Year 7 students and staff battled the cold and still came to school dressed in costume representing a favourite character and participated in a costume parade with several prizes awarded for:

Best boy - awarded to Sean, 7W, for his fantastic Chimney sweep costume from the book *The Water Babies* by Charles Kingsley.

Best girl - won by Mahnoor, 7B, who dressed up as *Maleficent* from the Disney version of *Sleeping Beauty*.

Winning tutor group was won by 7S whose tutor Ms Marsh also won the best female teacher prize for her outfit as Lady Macduff from Shakespeare's *Macbeth*.



The World Book Day judging panel had an extra special judge this year, Headteacher Dr Lecky, who, along with Miss Cooney and Miss Stoodley, had the hard task of choosing the winning costumes. This was quite a hard task considering the high standard of outfits this year. Many students had made a big effort this year and some costumes were handmade, so this was definitely a hard year to beat!

Game 24 2018

As always the LRC, along with the Maths department, hosted the exciting Maths 'Game 24 challenge', with a number of students from local secondary schools in attendance. There was a fantastic buzz in the air and friendly competition between the 10 schools. The aim of the game is to make 24 out of the four numbers given. There were three rounds, each round consisting of 10 questions. The winning schools were:

First Place: Bishopshalt
With Ruislip High coming in joint second

Scholastics Book Fair

Following a hugely successful book fair last year which resulted in the LRC being awarded with a number of free books, the LRC will be holding another book fair for a week commencing: Monday 23rd April 2018.

Students will have the chance to visit the book fair throughout the day, during their break and lunchtimes, and parents will be able to visit the fair after school from 3:00 – 4:20 pm and have the opportunity of purchasing various resources, some of which are at discount prices. The LRC will again have the chance of getting several free books for the LRC which means more books for the students. The LRC hope to see as many parents as possible visiting the fair.

Above and Beyond after-school LRC homework club

The LRC Homework club continues to go from strength to strength with a record number of students taking advantage of the extra time the LRC remains open after school to stay and complete homework, especially as the LRC has computers and laptops available and the TA's help on hand; it continues to be extremely successful with numbers increasing day by day.

Remember the LRC homework club is open every evening from:

3:00 pm - 4:20 pm Monday – Thursday

2:35 pm - 4:20 pm on Fridays

Missing Books

There are still many books well past the return date that are due back to the LRC. It would be very much appreciated if all parents/guardians would have a good look at home over the break to see if there are any LRC books lurking around at home, especially as the cost of replacing these books is extremely high. If books are found, they should be returned to the LRC via the return box.

Renaming the Learning Resource Centre

It was quite a challenging task being asked to come up with a new name for the LRC, one

So the LRC will now be known as the: **'The Rowling Learning Resource Centre'**

For the following reasons:

- Following her huge success with writing the ever popular 'Harry Potter series' she did something truly special and inspired an entire generation to love reading and turn them into lifelong readers.
- She inspired little girls and boys to become writers.
- Her book's sparked imaginations and will continue to inspire for generations to come.
- Rowling came from humble beginnings. When she began Harry Potter, she was a single mother, impoverished, and depressed. She still managed to push through and chase her dreams, which alone makes her an excellent role model to look up to.
- Most importantly, though she suffered personal battles and multiple rejections, she never gave up on Harry Potter or her dreams. She showed her fans how determination and faith can pull you through just about anything, and that hard work really does pay off.

named after a well-known figure that students and staff would relate to and would be perfect to represent the LRC. Having looked at a few options only one person sprung to mind that would be a perfect role model: J K Rowling.

'Happy Easter' from The Rowling Learning Resource Centre

Mrs Austen

The Rowling Learning Resource Centre Manager

MUSIC NEWS



Festival of Cultural Integrity

Mrs Coltman and Mr Stent were both incredibly proud of all of the Year 7 and 8 performers at the Festival of Cultural Integrity. A packed schedule saw back-to-back performances from the beginning to the end of the festival, and the music stage proved a highlight of the event. Both year groups have many promising young performers and we very much look forward to seeing how their talent will grow as they move up the school.

Key Stage 3 schemes of work

Year 7 - Let it Shine! Students are working in groups and as a class to boost their confidence and team-working skills to produce a performance of a popular song.

Year 8 - DanceEjay: Students are developing their skills in using technology to compose a piece of dance music.

Year 9 - Britpop: Students are working as bands to perform the 90s classic 'Wonderwall' by Oasis.

Wall of Fame

The following students have shown their passion for music by voluntarily completing extension tasks designed to challenge their understanding of each topic. These students are the top performers in each year group:

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| • Asha, 7S | • Yasmin, 8W | • Chanel, 9F |
| • Eleanor, 7S | • Noemie, 8W | • Noslen, 9W |
| • Aziz, 7S | • Parham, 8D | • William, 9B |

SIXTH FORMERS HEAR FROM CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT

Ruislip High would like to thank Chief Superintendent Raj Kohli from the Metropolitan Police for delivering a talk to Sixth Form Year 12 students on Friday 26th January 2018. Raj told many interesting stories from his 25 years' service and explained the types of incidents he helps deal with on a day-to-day basis. He demonstrated the safety equipment he carries including explaining why police officers carry CS gas. He also explained the role he had in announcing the death of singer Amy Winehouse to the media in 2011.



He said: 'I'd recommend for all of you to go to university. Although we deal with difficult situations in the police, it also offers you an amazing career and interesting development opportunities. For example, you might learn about dog handling or how the police use horses. I don't regret going into the police. I've very much enjoyed my career so far. On some shifts I am organising police officers across half of London so it's a big responsibility. Although we carry CS spray and a baton, we don't carry guns. If I was ever asked to carry a gun, that's the day I'd leave the police. People should also remember that police officers are real people. When I'm not on duty I might be at home on the PlayStation listening to heavy metal!'

YEAR 10 NEWS

We come to the end of another fantastic term for Year 10. I would like to thank parents and guardians for attending parents' evening on Thursday 22nd March 2018, this is an important fixture in the school calendar and I am sure all in attendance would have found the evening useful and informative. A particular highlight for me this term has been the prefect application process. I would like to thank all students who invested their time in completing the application; I have thoroughly enjoyed reading each one. The examples of how the students in Year 10 value the ethos of the school and the opportunities they have been afforded (as well as learning what incredible achievements they have gained outside of school) has been both interesting and inspiring. Judging by the quality of the first stage of the process I have no doubt that the prefect team will be the strongest the school has ever had.

I wish all Year 10 students a wonderful break and good luck with revision.

Mr D Stent

Associate Assistant Headteacher & Head of Year 10

YEAR 11 NEWS

2018 is already starting off another extremely busy year for the Year 11 students:

January

At the start of January the Year 11 students had a Sixth Form taster day, giving them the opportunity to experience a day in the life of a Ruislip High sixth-former. Students attended various lessons throughout the day and the feedback was very positive with many expressing the desire to stay on and continue studying at Ruislip High.

At the end of January Ruislip High held the Year 11 parents' evening which gave the teachers the opportunity to discuss students' progress and allowed parents/guardians to see the excellent work completed so far this year.

February

The Berlin trip took place from the 10th -13th February with a number of Year 11 students attending. Students were able to tour Berlin and visited many of the key places such as the Holocaust memorial, the Reichstag building and Checkpoint Charlie to name but a few. Both staff and students had a great time and saw some amazing sights.

March: PPEs revisited

Following on from the Pre-Public Examinations that took place last year, which gave the Year 11 students a taste of what was to come, the students sat a follow-up PPE in core subjects. Throughout the process the students showed a high level of maturity and dedication with many of the students taking advantage of staying after school for additional catch up and revision sessions.

Key dates for Year 11:

Tuesday 27th March 2018 6-7pm: Year 11 Information evening

It is vital that all students and parents/carers attend the evening to gather relevant information for the upcoming GCSEs.

Thursday 5th July 2018: the long awaited Year 11 Prom takes place at Brunel University, an evening of Glitz and Glamour and the chance for the students and staff to 'Dress to impress' and celebrate the end of another era at Ruislip High as a Year 11 student.

Thursday 23rd August: Year 11 GCSE Results day! The long anticipated envelope arrives and the students are able to see the final GCSE results inside, a time for many to celebrate, reflect and be rewarded for all the hard work and determination over the past year, with many being able to fulfil the next educational step chosen.

PE NEWS

It has been a very good term in PE this spring. Ruislip High School entered all available competitions for the term, including Years 7-13 boys' football leagues, Years 7-10 basketball borough tournaments, Year 7 indoor athletics, under 17s Middlesex athletics trials, Years 7-9 rugby borough tournaments, and Year 7-10 girls' netball leagues. On top of that, there have been the three ski trips to Hemel in preparation for the Italy ski trip this Easter. The Year 9 and 10 girls attended the 'this girl can' event at Uxbridge High and there has of course been the usual clubs taking place before and after school to ensure it has been a term full of participation and competition for all.

Football

Year 7

This spring term has been another busy term for the Year 7 football team. The boys finished the borough group stage in second with a record of two wins and one loss from the three games they played. This meant they qualified for the cup competition and drew Bishop Ramsey in the quarter-finals. In a fantastic game of football Ruislip showed great determination to come back from a 3-0 deficit at half-time to score with the last kick of the game to force extra-time. Unfortunately, Bishop Ramsey proved too strong in the extra period, coming away 4-3 winners.

In the borough indoor football tournament, the Year 7 team qualified for the semi-finals going unbeaten in the group stage. In a tightly fought semi-final, the boys lost on penalties, but showed excellent resilience to bounce back and win the 3rd/4th play off game.

It has been an excellent first year of football for the Year 7 students, who can be very proud of their performances and attitude towards fixtures and training. This has been backed up with impressive numbers of over 30 at training sessions.

The boys who have represented the school this year: Joe, 7S, Harry, 7C, Harry, 7F, Jared, 7W, Charlie, 7B, James, 7F, Flynn, 7A, Jesse, 7F, Randy, 7W, Ramsay, 7A, Alfie, 7A, Archie, 7B, Frankie, 7A, Dylan, 7S, Andrew, 7W, Joe, 7W, George, 7S, Alfie, 7S, Jacob, 7A, Dhiren, 7A, and Luke, 7S.

Year 10

The Year 10 football team topped their group in the borough competition winning all three of their games comfortably, meaning that they qualified for the cup competition. In the quarter-final the boys put in a hard-fought team effort in difficult conditions, but came up just short, losing 3-1 against a high-quality Haydon team.

The squad: Joe, 10F, William, 10B, Warsame, 10F, Aaron, 10F, Matthew, 10F, Jacob, 10F, James, 10S, Thomas, 10F, Brandonne, 10S, Myles, 10C, Kyle, 10C, Daniel, 10S, Eoghan, 10C, Jamie, 10F, Omar, 10C, Omar, 10B, Horairah, 10C, Alfie, 10A, and Marcus, 10W.

1st XI – Sixth Form Results

Alec Reed Academy vs Ruislip High School – won 4-1

Woodhouse College vs Ruislip High School – lost 5-2

Ruislip High School vs Christ's College Finchley – won 5-2

Ruislip High School vs Drayton Manor High School – won 7-0

A great term for the 1st XI. With three wins and one draw the team finished 3rd in the Middlesex league reaching the play offs.

The squad: Daniel, C63, Jack, C68, Joshua, C62, Cameron, C67, Liam, C62, Hyaris, C68, Joe, C64, Hugh, C64, Thomas, C65, Samisek, C64, Rawn, C64, Duke, C61, and Alex, C63.

Basketball

Year 7

The Year 7 students competed in their first ever basketball fixtures this term. In their first ever game, they tied 12-12 against a more experienced Haydon team. They then took this form into the borough tournament, where they narrowly missed out on qualifying for the semi-finals.

The squad: Aziz, 7S, Kobe, 7C, Flynn, 7A, Harry, 7F, Joe, 7S, James, 7F, Randy, 7W, Alfie, 7A, Jesse, 7F, and Jared, 7W.

Year 8

The Year 8 students played both a friendly match against Haydon and competed in the borough tournament this term. On both occasions the boys played well, scoring baskets and working hard as a team.

The squad: Alfie, 8C, Alfie, 8S, George, 8D, George, 8C, Oliver, 8C, Akos, 8S, Samuel, 8A, Jake, 8C, and Pharell, 8S.

Ski Lessons

As mentioned, in preparation for Italy, the PE department has been taking students to The Snow Centre, in Hemel Hempstead for ski lessons. These two-hour lessons have been of great value to the students to ensure they hit the slopes running at Easter.

Year 7 Indoor Athletics

An inexperienced indoor athletics team competed at the borough indoor athletics competition. The whole team put in a determined display, putting in some standout performances across the evening. This experience will set them up well going ahead into the outdoor athletics season.

The team: Martina, 7S, Grace, 7S, Eleanor, 7S, Harry, 7F, Flynn, 7A, Randy, 7W, Jared, 7W, James, 7F, Caelan, 7A, and Kiera, 7B.

Year 7 Rugby

There has been an excellent turnout at training for Year 7 rugby this year. Unfortunately, a number of fixtures have had to be cancelled due to the adverse weather conditions, but the team head into the borough competition full of confidence.

Netball Tournament Results

Year 7 Team

On Wednesday 7th March 2018, the Year 7 netball team went to St Helen's School to participate in the Hillingdon borough tournament. The team came away with a mixed bag of results, however, the team really enjoyed the experience of playing such a wide variety of teams on the day.

The squad: Caelan, 7A, Alisha, 7S, Grace, 7S, Amalie, 7B, Hannah, 7A, Libby, 7S, and Martina, 7S.

Kallie, 7F, was unfortunately injured for the tournament but has played a crucial part of the team this season.



Results from the day

- 3-1 win against Vyners School
- 2-0 win against Park Academy
- 5-0 loss against Bishop Ramsey
- 3-1 loss against Queensmead School
- 6-0 loss against St Helen's School
- 5-1 loss against Haydon School

Year 9 Team

The Year 9 netball team travelled to St Helen's School on Thursday 22nd March 2018 to take

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part in this year's Hillingdon Netball Tournament. The girls placed 3rd in their pool losing by one point to make it through to the semi-finals.

Scores of the tournament:

- 8-0 loss against Swakeleys
- 3-2 win against Haydon
- 4-2 loss against Barnhill
- 4-0 win against Vyners
- 7-0 win against Uxbridge
- 2-1 loss against Rosedale
- 7-1 loss against St Helen's

The squad: Isabella, 9F, Maya, 9F, Lily, 9S, Chloe, 9S, Amy, 9C, Kamila, 9C, Charlotte, 9F, and Liberty, 9D.

Joe Wicks HIIT Workouts

This half term all students at Ruislip High have had the opportunity to experience a Joe Wicks HIIT session in a PE lesson. On Monday 12th – Friday 16th March 2018 Joe Wicks held live HIIT training sessions on YouTube. During this term the PE department have taught students the benefits of doing HIIT training and discussed the importance of leading a healthy active lifestyle. Below are some of the reasons why HIIT training is so good – why not give it a go this Easter!



- Efficient - the intense sessions mean that you continue burning calories and fat 24 hours after you have finished;
- There's no equipment needed - sessions can be done anywhere at home, even in your living room or in the garden;
- They don't have to be time consuming - sessions can vary from as little as 10 minutes.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAxW1XT0iEJo0TYIRfn6rYQ>

Upcoming Trips

So far the below students have attended the highest amount of extra-curricular clubs and are in the running to be selected to attend the PE reward trip to the SSE Women's FA Cup Final on Saturday 5th May 2018. If students would like the chance to attend this trip they should see a member of the PE department who can remind them of the available clubs. The top 30 students of the year will be selected after the Easter holidays.

SPORTS CREDITS		
Highest attendance at sports clubs this year.....		The PE reward trip to watch The SSE Women's FA Cup Final will be on Saturday 5 th May 2018. Keep attending clubs if you want the chance to attend!
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grace Tomlin• Harry Danns• Luke Blake• Joe Kilminster• Aziz Masood• James Payne• Randy Folly• Jared Kerr• Alfie Brown• Flynn Donoghue• Jesse Little	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Skyla Bitar• Liam Walsh• Luke Ebdon• Catherine Max-Grant• Nancy Davey• Harry Root• Skylar Harrison	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kamila Biegniewska• Amy Donoghue• Charlotte Woosnam• Isabella Rae• Toby Ellmore• Liberty Rocke• Lily Tricker• Chloe Howe• Tom Barber• Oliver Partridge

YEAR 7 HISTORIANS COOK UP A MEDIEVAL FEAST

The Year 7 History Club baked a feast of medieval treats and staged a play on Wednesday 28th February 2018.

The menu included vegetable oat stew, cabbage pottage, oat cakes and gingerbread biscuits. The lights were turned down and candles were used to help set the medieval scene.

After enjoying this tasty and interesting food, an audience of parents and staff then enjoyed a play about the Battle of Hastings written by Lilia (7W) and Holly (7F).



Charlotte (7W) said: *'It was really enjoyable to make all the food. My favourite was the gingerbread and it was fun to spend time with my friends.'*

Ciara (7F) said: *'All the food turned out well. It was also fun to act out the play.'*

Thanks to Ms Woodall, Teacher of History, for organising this fun event.

COFFEE MORNING



Ms Nurmohamed organised another successful coffee morning for parents of students with special educational needs or who have English as an additional language. The event took place on Monday the 19th, March 2018 and, in spite of the snow, did not deter the parents who enjoyed watching presentations from students 'All about Me'.

It was interesting to hear from Shannon, 7A who loves school, has lots of friends and finds the after-school clubs most enjoyable. It was brilliant to hear from Morgan, 7B who finds high school challenging because of lots of homework but who is very competitive and attends lots of after-school clubs. He

admitted that he enjoys debate club the most and is excited to be representing Ruislip High in a visit to Argos to discuss the representation of boys and girls in their catalogue.

Finally, there was a fascinating presentation by Melina, 9W and Noemie, 8W. Both the sisters arrived from France last year and gave a joint presentation about their life in France and after school-clubs they do in school and outside school. They are both passionate about judo and shared their experiences and the medals they received in the recent London Championships. Melina has set her mind to enter the Olympics and when she grows up would love to work for NASA.

It was a fantastic morning; parents were delighted to hear from the students and chat with staff and other parents.

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Years 7-9

The undoubted highlight for the Key Stage 3 historians this term was the Battlefields trip for Year 9 students who visited the World War I battlefields over February half term. 32 students took part in the trip from Sunday 11th February to Wednesday 14th February 2018, visiting sites in Belgium and France.

Key sites included a ceremony at the Menin Gate in Ypres, Vimy Ridge Canadian memorial, Newfoundland Park at the Somme, the Langemark German war cemetery and the Tyne Cot Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery and Memorial to the Missing. Students also waded through the muddy preserved trenches and tunnels at Sanctuary Wood; visited Talbot House, where soldiers went on leave from the front; and took a day trip to Paris, where they had a driving tour of the city, climbed the Eiffel Tower and wandered around the streets of Montmartre. The trip was led by Ms Cullen, accompanied by Ms Hill, Mr Elsby and Mr McManamon.



Trip leader Ms Cullen said, 'All of the staff on the trip were very proud of our students who asked sensitive questions and gave insightful responses at the memorial sights, while treating them and the history of the land with respect. They all learnt a lot to add to their already considerable WW1 knowledge and gained an understanding of some conditions in the trenches (mostly the cold). It was especially great taking students abroad who had never left England before and seeing their excitement at the new experiences... particularly the snails!'

The Key Stage 3 section would not be complete however without an introduction for Ms Woodall's history club. Their first project involved planning and creating a medieval feast that also involved a stunning performance of the self-written play – 'Hastings, an alternative interpretation'. Parents and staff members thoroughly enjoyed sampling medieval dishes such as cabbage stew and flatbreads. The highlight of the play was undoubtedly the performance of Sean, 7W, as the Viking King Hardrada. The department is hugely grateful for the hard work of all the students and staff involved.

Years 10-13

Whilst busily preparing for either their spring PPEs or their actual GCSEs or A Levels, Key Stage 4 and 5 historians have been very busy this term. Year 11 GCSE History students even found the time to visit Berlin over February half term as part of their GCSE preparation. Students took part in the trip from Saturday 10th February to Tuesday 13th February 2018. Key sites included the remains of the Berlin Wall, Checkpoint Charlie and the memorial to the former concentration camp at Sachsenhausen. Students also visit the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe. The trip was led by Mr Maud (Head of History), accompanied by Ms Horton, Mr Davies and Mrs Ohana.



Trip leader Mr Maud said, *'The students were superb ambassadors for the school and really got to grips with the history they went to witness'.*

From 4th February to 7th February 2018, one Year 10 and one Year 12 student visited the battlefields of France and Belgium on a collaborative trip with other schools from the Harrow and Hillingdon boroughs. This was part of the Legacy 110 initiative, which is an award-winning programme which encourages students who engage in the First World War Centenary Battlefields Tour programme to deliver a community-based First World War project.

The students (Lucy, C63, and Tamara, 10W) were a credit to the school and are looking ahead to producing their legacy projects to pass on the knowledge of World War I that they gained on the trip. One student will write, direct and produce a play about the lives of women during the war, and the other will deliver a series of hands-on workshops to local primary schools to teach them about World War I.

Finally their department would like to wish all students the best of luck in preparing for their summer exams.

GEOGRAPHY NEWS

The geography department is pleased to be showing some amazing students hard at work in this newsletter edition. Please see below! The department is also excited to be planning two residential field trips for the summer term of 2018 to help students achieve highly in the GCSE and A-level geography specifications.

Firstly, from Wednesday 20th to Saturday 23rd, June 2018, the Year 12 A-level geography class will be visiting the North Norfolk coast. Here they will plan their own inquiries on the extent to which the coastline is managed in a sustainable and integrated way. Key fieldwork locations will include Cromer, Bacton, Happisburgh and Sea Palling. Students will stay at Sheringham Youth Hostel and will be accompanied by Mr Alison and Mr Peacock.

Soon after, from Monday 2nd to Wednesday 4th July 2018, the Year 10 GCSE geography students will visit Swanage in Dorset. It's the department's biggest ever trip, with 124 students taking part!

Students will carry out two fieldwork investigations. For the physical geography study, students will compare the coastal management of Studland Bay to Swanage Bay. For the human geography study, students will investigate the land use of Swanage and how it links to tourism. As with previous years, the students will also visit sections of the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site including seeing Lulworth Cove and Durdle Door. The students will stay at the Chatsworth Centre.

Year 13 A-Level Geography

The Year 13 geographers have been working towards their two A Level exams: Unit 1 Physical Geography on Monday 4th June 2018, and Unit 2 Human Geography on Friday 8th June 2018. Both exams are a challenging two hours and 30 minutes. See below for some photos of the class taken in March 2018.

James said: *'We have been learning about the governance of Antarctica which is fascinating. I have been impressed with our teachers' commitment towards supporting us and our learning which will help us to be exam-ready!'*

Ruby said, *'We're also learning about the carbon cycle and the impacts we have on global warming, something that is very common in the news currently and relevant to my university course.'*



The department wishes all the students successful futures after seven years at Ruislip High.

Year 12 A-Level Geography

The Year 12 geographers have been working their way through four units of the AQA A Level. Mr Peacock has taught 'Natural Hazards' and 'Coastal Systems and Landscapes', while Mr Alison has delivered 'Resource Security' and 'Changing Places'. Please read the summer term newsletter for lots of pictures from their field trip to Norfolk in June 2018 (see above).

Year 11 GCSE Geography

Year 11 students have their three GCSE exams coming up: Unit 1 Living with the Physical Environment on Tuesday 22nd May 2018; Unit 2 Challenges in the Human Environment on Tuesday

5th June 2018; and Unit 3 Geographical Applications on Monday 11th June 2018.

All students have revision guides written by the department, called the revision 'Megabooks'. These contain full personal learning checklists (PLCs) for each topic. Good luck Year 11!

Year 10 GCSE Geography

The department is looking forward to taking the Year 10 GCSE geographers on a residential field trip to Swanage, Dorset, in July (see above). Over the course of this term, Year 10 students have been working hard on the second and third of the Year 10 topics, 'The challenge of natural hazards' and 'Living World'. In particular, students and teachers have enjoyed learning about a particularly interesting case study: Svalbard, the most northerly inhabited place on Earth!

Year 9 Geography

Firstly, Year 9 completed their study of South America by investigating the reasons behind deforestation in Amazonia. They also looked at the impact of tree felling on indigenous tribal groups. Year 9 students then moved on to study 'Globalisation and Earning a Living', followed by 'Superpower Geography'.

Please see below for some students from 9B engaged in their learning in March 2018.

Devin said, *'I'm really enjoying learning about all the different topics. Superpower Geography is all about discussing which countries might rival the USA as the world's most important country.'*

Will said, *'Through geography in Year 9 it's been great to learn about all the different cultures around the world.'*



Year 8 Geography

Year 8 students have studied the geography of Japan as an example of a developed country. They have studied its history and unique culture, and examined why it has become such an economically successful country despite a severe lack of space and available natural resources. Year 8 then moved on to study the world's changing population. Their tasks included drawing a graph to show the world's growing population, creating a population pyramid for the UK and studying China's one-child policy from 1979-2016. Following this, Year 8 students have been learning about the geography of energy, in particular learning the story of the USA's Hoover Dam.

Year 7 Geography

Year 7 students have been learning about cold environments. They have learnt about the world's mountain ranges, glaciers and the conquest of Everest in 1953. They then studied the world's only continent with no permanent inhabitants: Antarctica. They learnt about its wildlife, the 1911/12 race to the South Pole, and how the continent is being looked after today under the Antarctic Treaty. In the second topic of the term, 'Settlement', students have studied the history of Ruislip through looking at historical maps of the local area, and learnt about why and how it has grown.

From the Geography Department

Mr Alison, Mr Askin, Ms Mulqueeney, Mr Peacock.

YEAR 9 NEWS

What a fantastic term it has been for Year 9!

In one of the shortest academic terms, we have managed to have an action-packed few weeks that I'll try to share with you all now.

The term started in great style with parents' evening and the Year 9s choosing their options for their GCSEs. The parents' evening had a record breaking attendance for Ruislip High School and I'd like to take this moment to thank all parents and guardians. When students see their parents and guardians taking such an interest in their education, it teaches them about how valuable education is and will ensure that they go on to succeed at Ruislip High School and in the future.

During half term I had the pleasure of going on the Battlefields Trip with a number of Year 9 students. We saw World War One sites and the students showed great respect and maturity during this moving trip. We also spent a day in Paris, exploring the sites and climbing the Eiffel Tower.



This term saw Ruislip High School put on a production of A Midsummer Night's Dream which starred six Year 9 students. The play is by far one of my favourites and these students really helped manage to bring the play to life. As a school, and as Head of Year 9, we were immensely proud of all involved. I cannot wait until the next production and to see how the students perform!

This term saw the Year 9s preparing for their Duke of Edinburgh award. Around half of the year group came to school for a day on a Saturday and learned how to put up tents, use a gas stove, map-read and prepare meals. Next term they will go into the field, quite literally, and test these skills that they have learned. Good luck!

In terms of sports results and extra-curricular activities, this term has been phenomenal! Victoria, 9D, won a dance scholarship for a summer school, Melina, 9W, came 3rd in the UK for judo and Luke, 9D came first in the borough and 70th in the country at running! Cerys, 9W, has earned herself a place in a West End show too! This just goes to show how fantastic the students are outside of school as well as inside.

At the end of this term, we have launched Freedom Tuesdays. This means that as long as a tutor group's attendance goes up or stays the same, students get to go outside and take part in an inter-form sports tournament. Two weeks in, 9S and 9D have made an impressive early start but there is all to play for in the summer term. It really goes to show that attendance does matter, and every day counts!

As we head into the Easter Holidays, some of the lucky students will be preparing to go on the school's ski trip to Italy; we wish them all the best! I wish you all the very best for your holidays, I hope that you get your rest and come back for an exciting summer term!

Mr Elsby
Head of Year 9

SUMMER TERM DATES

Monday 16th April - Tuesday 17th July, 2018

- **Monday 21st to Friday 25th May, 2018: Half term**

For the full term dates for 2017-18, visit the website, www.ruisliphigh.com



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