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WELCOME TO THE SUMMER TERM

from Mr Davies



It has been a delight to welcome our students back to school this week as we embark on another action-packed summer term. Of course, Easter wasn't a total break for the Ruislip High community and I wanted to highlight the Year 9 students who participated on the World War I Battlefields trip in the first week of the holidays. The students were exemplary ambassadors for our school throughout the trip and showed particularly high levels of resilience while coping with a horrible delay at Dover on the way to France. I wanted to share with parents the lovely message I received from David Rich, former Ruislip High School Deputy Headteacher, who now leads these historical expeditions:

"Genuinely without exception, they were fabulous and impressive ambassadors for the school. They were polite and considerate, curious and attentive throughout the trip, and always calm and respectful at the memorials and cemeteries."

The Easter break also saw a number of revision sessions take place at the school and again the teachers who led these sessions have reported being incredibly impressed at how focused and dedicated our students were. This is clearly a vital half term for our examination groups and, although I know it can be an anxious time for students and parents/guardians, from what I see of our students at school I am convinced they are ready for the challenges ahead.

As well as the focus on examinations, the term ahead also has a number of opportunities for students to shine both within and outside the classroom. We have more Above & Beyond clubs running than ever before and plans are already underway to ensure that this year's Activities Week is even more ambitious than last year.

I often talk about how strong a community Ruislip High School is and I am so pleased that we have been able to set up a multi-faith prayer room at the school over the last term. The room is used by students and staff throughout the week and has been particularly well used during the holy month of Ramadan. I would like to sign off today by wishing our whole school community a restful weekend and a happy Eid to those of you celebrating.



RHS STUDENTS' WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT

"The students have been absolutely awesome whilst running their miles this week. Fingers crossed we have made a great contribution towards achieving a Guinness World Records title!"
Ms McGuigan



Image above: Two of our sixth form students completing their contribution towards the mile challenge

From Monday 17th April to Friday 21st April, 2023, students at Ruislip High School have all had the opportunity to take part in the Mini London Marathon in school event. During their PE lessons, students have all been challenged to walk, jog or run a mile.

This annual event is even more exciting this year. All schools, participating across the UK, have been given a special challenge - to achieve a Guinness World Records title for 'the most pledges received for an exercise campaign in one month'. The current record for this title is 241,675 people. Hopefully, our contribution to the challenge will help break the record - making all who have taken part a World Record holder!

In addition, the start of this term saw the RHS PE faculty launch the 2.6 challenge with all students in order to raise money for the school's charity, Michael Sobell Hospice. Students can log their progress via [this form](#).

If you would like to support your child in this charity event, please sponsor them via the school's charity donation page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rhsmichaelsobell2023>

#RHSPETwoPointSixCharityChallenge

DO YOU WANT TO GET INVOLVED?
 TRY AN ACTIVITY BASED AROUND THE NUMBERS 26 OR 2.6!

26 or 260 kick up challenge
 26 or 260 carwheel!

Learn a Tok Tok dance in 2.6 mins

3 simple steps to join the 2.6 challenge!

Step 1: Choose a challenge

Step 2: Complete the challenge

Step 3: Evidence the challenge by completing the google doc.

Outdoor Run 2.61KM
 Can you walk, run or cycle 2.6k or miles?

We are raising money for the Michael Sobell Hospice. If you can donate, please use the just giving page on the link below or on google classroom.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rhsmichaelsobell2023>

DONATE NOW →

CURRICULUM NEWS: GEOGRAPHY



Image above: The top of Hengistbury Head - the site of the Year 10 GCSE Geography field trip, taking place in July 2023.

A core aspect of Geography is following events in the news. Geography is all around us! The department has recently added new classroom displays to show how the subject links to several news reports in 2023. [Click here](#) to see the display. Students are involved too - they suggest a news story to display for which they receive a Reward Wheel.

Students have been following news events such as:

- China's population falls for the first time since 1961, even after the end of its famous one-child policy.
- British explorer Preet Chandi breaks two world records in an Antarctic trek.
- Homes demolished in Norfolk due to coastal erosion.
- Dogs from the UK help search for survivors in the Turkey-Syria earthquake.
- How can heat pumps and the process of 'carbon capture' help slow down climate change?

Beyond this, the summer term is when our GCSE and A Level Geography students get to experience the subject outside the classroom, with their trips to Hengistbury Head (GCSE) and Norfolk (A Level), to complete their field work. These trips are excellent opportunities for the students to put their geography skills into action and the department is very much looking forward to both.

ABOVE & BEYOND: SUMMER TERM

A reminder that the summer term programme for Above & Beyond begins on Monday 24th April.

Last term we introduced the Above & Beyond Award. We are pleased to announce that 89 students successfully qualified for one of the category or overall awards. More details about this will be in the next Parent Bulletin. However, we would like to encourage more students to apply for the next round of awards. To be considered for an award, students should complete the Above & Beyond Award form, which can be found on our website or via [this link](#).



KEY DATES:

Date:	Event
Saturday 29th April	Duke of Edinburgh Silver - pre-assessed weekend
Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday
Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday
w/b Monday 15th May	Mental Health Awareness Week
Thursday 18th May	Year 9 immunisations

SCHOOL UPDATES:

Safeguarding updates:

Helplines: [click here](#)

National Online Safety - Parent resources: [click here](#)

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

Letters home:

Update to Parents - 31/03/2023: [click here](#)

Above & Beyond - Summer Term Booklet: [click here](#)

Year 13 - End of Spring Term letter: [click here](#)

Year 11 - Yearbook letter: [click here](#)

Activities Week 2023 Letters:

Year 7 - Activities Week + Paris - Letter A: [click here](#)

Year 7 - Activities Week + Paris - Letter B: [click here](#)

Year 7 - Activities Week - Letter A: [click here](#)

Year 7 - Activities Week - Letter B: [click here](#)

Year 8 - Activities Week - Letter A: [click here](#)

Year 8 - Activities Week - Letter B: [click here](#)

Year 9 - Activities Week - Letter A: [click here](#)

Year 9 - Activities Week - Letter B: [click here](#)

Year 10 - Activities Week (Up the O2 trip) - Letter A: [click here](#)

Year 10 - Activities Week (Up the O2 trip) - Letter B: [click here](#)

Year 10 - Activities Week (theatre trip) - Letter A: [click here](#)

Year 10 - Activities Week (theatre trip) - Letter B: [click here](#)

Year 10 - Activities Week (Woburn Safari trip) - Letter A: [click here](#)

Year 10 - Activities Week (Woburn Safari trip) - Letter B: [click here](#)

Year 12 - Activities Week - Letter A: [click here](#)

Year 12 - Activities Week - Letter B: [click here](#)