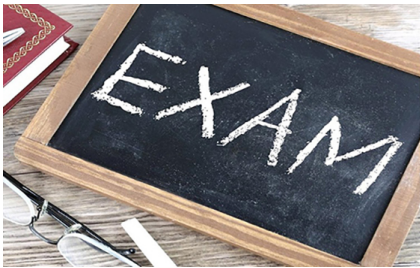


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THE EXAM SEASON HAS BEGUN

from Mr Hankin



The start of May is the beginning of a very busy period for many of our students in school: the exam season. Many of our Year 10-13 students will be completing examinations throughout May and June, which is the culmination of months and years of hard work.

As our students sit down to undertake their exams, we hope they are able to approach the challenges facing them with confidence. It is natural to be nervous before your exams but we are certain that our students have worked really hard and have the determination and grit to succeed.

Just a reminder to all parents who have children in Year 11, that they will be following an adapted timetable from Monday 15th May. Details of this can be found [here](#).

Good luck to all of our students who are completing exams.

THE RHS MULTI-FAITH PRAYER ROOM

from Ms Najjar

Ruislip High School is well and truly a multi-faith school, which embraces students from all faiths and backgrounds. During Ramadan this year, the multi-faith prayer room was utilised for lots of events and activities which brought students together in a healthy cohesive manner.

In addition to the usual observation of daily afternoon Duhr prayers which took place in the prayer room, students gathered there to read the Quran (the Muslim Holy book) and spent time discussing their experiences and thoughts about fasting and Ramadan. Students supported one another through the month of daytime fasting and food was shared amongst the students for festive communal Iftar events (the breaking of the fast which takes place at sunset). Muslim and non-Muslim students were all welcomed in a hospitable and loving environment.

Whilst students said farewell to the month of Ramadan, the prayer room remains a quiet spot for anyone, of any faith, wishing to pray or contemplate during lunch time.



CURRICULUM NEWS: HISTORY

"Our students were amazing from start to finish on the trip. They were courteous and respectful at every point of the visit."
Mr Cahill



Image above: Two of our Year 9 students pay their respects on behalf of the school at Menin Gate.

Here at Ruislip High School we are extremely passionate about history and about developing the skills of our historians. One of the ways we share our love of history is through visits to historical sites, which are fantastic for bringing history to life. During their time at Ruislip our historians are given the opportunity to visit RAF Northolt during Year 8, Berlin during their GCSEs and the battlefields during Year 9.

The most recent battlefields tour took place during Easter with 52 students and four staff members visiting Northern France and Belgium. This trip enabled our students to see first hand the area in which the Battle of the Somme took place and they were able to see the Hawthorn Crater - one of the 17 mines exploded by the British at the start of the battle. Attending the Last Post ceremony in Ypres allowed the students to reflect and remember those that died in WWI.

Ellie said, "I enjoyed The Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate. The marching and the music made us reflect on all of the lives lost".

The students visited a number of cemeteries allowing them to see the different ways in which allied and German soldiers have been commemorated. The students were also able to walk through the remains of trenches and see numerous artefacts.

Adam said, "Visiting the trenches brought what we had learnt in lessons to life. I was surprised at how small the trenches were. It showed how uncomfortable they would be for the soldiers and how vulnerable they were to being shot by the enemy."

Thank you to all of the staff who supported the trip and to all of our students for their excellent and mature attitudes.

KEY DATES:

Date:	Event
Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday
w/b Monday 15th May	Mental Health Awareness Week
Thursday 18th May	Year 9 immunisations
Saturday 20th May	Duke of Edinburgh Silver Pre-assessed Weekend
Friday 26th May	Year 9 immunisations
Friday 26th May	End of half term

SCHOOL UPDATES:

Safeguarding updates:

Helplines: [click here](#)

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

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

Vaping - Parent Advice and Information: [click here](#)

Letters home:

Update to Parents - 28/04/2023: [click here](#)

'Target Mars' Trip letter: [click here](#)

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Pre-assessed Weekend: [click here](#)

Duke of Edinburgh Silver Pre-assessed Weekend: [click here](#)

Year 10 - GCSE Citizenship Arrangements: [click here](#)

Year 11 - GCSE Examination Arrangements: [click here](#)

Positive Parenting Programme letter: [click here](#)

Year 12 - University Trip letter: [click here](#)

Out of school opportunities (not linked to the school):

Fostering in Hillingdon information: [click here](#) and [click here](#)

Warm Welcome Centres: [click here](#)

Support for parents and children waiting for an ASD diagnosis: [click here](#)

YMCA Youth London Timetable: [click here](#)

Hillingdon Carers' Forum: [click here](#)