

RHS Parent Bulletin

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RHS National Online Safety Certified School Accreditation

"I am absolutely thrilled with the news of our accreditation!

At RHS, we are dedicated to making sure school is a safe place for all students - and in the modern world, it is vital they know how to safely manage themselves online too."

Ms Carstens



We are delighted to announce that we have successfully completed a comprehensive online safety training programme, focused on keeping children and young people safe online. As a result, Ruislip High School has received a National Online Safety Certified School Accreditation for its whole school community approach to protecting children in the online world.

National Online Safety is a multi-award winning digital training provider with extensive resources in online safety, developed in line with the Department of Education's statutory requirements. Its courses and educational resources support UK schools in educating the school communities in online safety and how to make the internet a safer place for children.

James Southworth, co-founder of National Online Safety, said: "Congratulations to everyone at Ruislip High School on becoming a National Online Safety Certified School. By completing our training programme, the school has shown its strong commitment to implementing an effective whole school approach to online safety."

Thank you to all of the staff and parents who have supported the school with this initiative. We hope you have found the training and resources helpful.

CURRICULUM UPDATE: MEDIA STUDIES







Images: A sample of the GCSE NEA project outcomes



This term, Year 11 and Year 13 media studies students have finally put all of their years of hard work to the test by sitting their GCSE and A Level Media Studies exams. Ms Ohana and Ms Loizou are sad to see them go, but very proud of all they have achieved on their respective courses.

Meanwhile, in Year 10 and Year 12, the students have begun working on their NEA projects. The NEA unit is often a very popular part of the subject, with students being encouraged to flex their creative muscles, whilst working independently to produce their own work from a brief set by the exam board, Eduqas. At GCSE, students are required to create their own film marketing campaign, which this year has to be an original musical genre film. At A-level, the students have thrown themselves into producing their video campaigns - with some students producing music videos and other students opting to produce an extract of an original television programme. The progress on the NEA has been excellent so far and the department is very excited to see the students' plans come to fruition.

To understand the end point of the NEA work, we thought we would share with you some of the work produced by the current GCSE and A Level cohort - whose work Evelyn Jadeyn Alannah maintained the high production standards the department expects. One of the areas OWEN WELCH **LAGHARI** KING students are marked on is their ability to create complex representations or show an understanding of genre hybridity and intertextuality. One student who threw themselves into this in was GCSE student Katie, whose film 'Paper Rings' was a sci-fi, rom-com, musical (based on the music of Taylor Swift - another area of study at GCSE) - this genre mash-up was no mean feat, but Katie completed her campaign to an excellent standard.

Meanwhile, this year for A Level Media Studies, the Year 13 students mostly opted to produce mainstream lifestyle magazines, inspired by Vogue and GQ. At A level, students are expected to work across two mediums - so in addition to producing selected pages from a magazine, the students have also produced a website to complement their magazine design. As always, the students impressed Ms Ohana, Subject Lead for Media Studies, with their article ideas. From interviews completed on the shores of Greece to an article exploring the rising trend in using crystals to improve wellbeing, there were an interesting range of features. Inspiring stuff!







Images: A sample of the A Level media studies NEA outcomes.



VLT EQUALITIES WEEK

The week beginning Monday 19th June, 2023, Ruislip High School will be taking part in the Vanguard Learning Trust's Equalities Week. The week is designed to celebrate diversity and equality in our school communities and students will participate in tutorial activities, attend various workshops and attend a number of presentations from guest speakers.

Please <u>click here</u> for an outline of the week for all year groups. Please read through the timetable carefully with your child to ensure they are aware of the activities taking place on each day.

Year 8 students will be taking part in a Kathak dance workshop. Kathak dancing is one of the most elegant dance forms of India and revolves around the concept of storytelling. Students should wear their usual school uniform. Year 9 students will learn how to cook the classic Ukrainian honey cake, Medovik. Please ensure that your child is aware of the day their form has this workshop as they are required to bring in their own ingredients. Please see the <u>list here</u> of the ingredients they need to bring. If any family needs support with this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

On Wednesday 21st June, 2023, **sixth form students and staff only** are encouraged to wear clothes that represent their culture. This is optional and should sixth form students not wish to take part they are required to follow their usual dress code. Please <u>click here for guidance</u> of what is acceptable.



PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

The nomination period for the election of two parent governors for Ruislip High School closed on Monday 5th June 2023. Unfortunately, only one application was received; therefore, the school is extending the nomination period by a further five working days from today. If you are interested in standing as a parent governor please <u>click here</u> to complete the application form. This should be returned to the school office or emailed to <u>Janet Beater</u> by Thursday 15th June 2023

Ruislip High School's

Summer Arts Festival

Led by the Art, Drama and Music Departments

Wednesday 28 June, 2023 4:30PM - 7:30PM

Art Exhibitions Live musical performances from the RHS Choir, Band and Soloists

KS3 Drama Performances

followed by the school's summer production...

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TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO BOOK NEXT WEEK

Tickets are free - but we will be asking for a suggested donation of £5 per ticket, which will be donated to the school's charity Harlington Hospice.

Ruislip High School



KEY DATES:

Date:	Event
Wednesday 14th June	Early finish at 1.10pm/1.45pm
Wednesday 14th June - 2:30pm-7:00pm	Year 7 Parents' Evening
Saturday 17th June	Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Assessed Weekend
Sunday 18th June	Year 12 Geography Trip to Norfolk leaves
w/b Monday 19th June	VLT Equalities Week RAG Week
Wednesday 28th June - 4:30pm-7:30pm	Summer Arts Evening

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 - 26/05/2023: click here

Sports Day 2023 letter: click here

Duke of Edinburgh - Bronze Assessed Weekend letter: <u>click here</u> Duke of Edinburgh - Silver Assessed Weekend letter: <u>click here</u>

Election of Parent Governor letter: click here

Year 12 Geography Field Trip to Norfolk letter: click here

Online Safety for Parents letter: <u>click here</u> Year 7 Parents' Evening letter: <u>click here</u>

Year 13 Leavers' Arrangements letter: click here

Year 13 Leavers' Hoodies letter: click here

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

Fostering in Hillingdon information: <u>click here</u> and <u>click here</u>

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

Wheelchair Basketball Club at Brunel University: click here

Hillingdon Special Education Needs and Disabilities Information, Advice and

Support Service Drop-ins: click here