

11th September 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians

I would like to welcome all of our school community back to a new school year. I hope that all of our families had an enjoyable summer, and it has been a delight to welcome back students and staff after the summer break. I would particularly like to welcome our new Year 7 students and families, and those joining us in the Sixth Form for the first time. I am particularly delighted that our Sixth Form at the school is thriving and is the largest it has ever been. I would also like to congratulate, once again, our students who received examination results last month. Ruislip High School again attained excellent grades, and I am sure their achievements will inspire and encourage our current students. Please click [here](#) for more information about the results from the 'good news' section of our website.

Summer School

It was a particularly busy summer period at the school, and we were delighted to welcome over 120 new Year 7 students last week as part of our summer school. The students enjoyed taking part in lessons and activities to support their transition to secondary school.

Preventative safeguarding measures

All staff are committed to ensuring Ruislip High School is a safe learning environment. Along with other local schools, Ruislip High School intends to continue to use knife arches and drug detection dogs, in conjunction with the Metropolitan Police, as a preventative measure as well as a reminder that the school needs to be free from weapons and illegal drugs. I would like to reassure parents and students that this is routine practice rather than a response to genuine concerns. I would also like to take this opportunity to assure parents that students found in possession of weapons and/or illegal drugs will be considered for permanent exclusion.

PSHE/RSE policy consultation group

We are inviting families to participate in the consultation process regarding our updated PSHE and RSE policy. This newly developed framework consists of a broad Trust-wide strategy alongside school-specific details. To ensure the teaching is inclusive and clear, the school is seeking a group of parents/guardians to attend a feedback session on 30th September 2026. During this meeting, attendees can ask questions and offer their perspectives on the policy with the aim to foster the partnership between the school and home to better support student development. A formal letter will be sent out to all parents/guardians with full details.

Home-School partnership

Having worked in education for twenty-five years, I am more convinced than ever that students thrive when home and school work in genuine partnership. This is true throughout a child's time at school, but it is absolutely vital that all parents attend the one annual parents' evening that we have per year group. Please could I ask that parents/guardians put the relevant dates into their diaries at the start of the year, as these evenings are invaluable opportunities for home and school to work together to improve a child's learning and wellbeing:

Thursday 15th October 2026: Year 7 tutor evening
Thursday 26th November 2026: Year 9 parents' evening
Thursday 3rd December 2026: Year 13 parents' evening
Thursday 21st January 2027: Year 11 parents' evening
Thursday 4th March 2027: Year 12 parents' evening
Thursday 11th March 2027: Year 7 parents' evening
Thursday 15th April 2027: Year 8 parents' evening
Thursday 29th April 2027: Year 10 parents' evening

Arbor and communications

I would like to remind parents/guardians that school communication, academic reports, behaviour incidents and reporting of student absence is accessed through Arbor, the school's management information system. It is encouraging that 96% of families are currently using the application. Please can you ensure that you have enabled notifications from the application on your mobile device. Whilst the majority of our communication will be sent via email, the school may wish to send an Arbor notification as a backup communication method. If you encounter any issues with accessing your Arbor account, please contact the school via the office via email: office@ruisliphigh.org.uk. It is also crucial that the school has up to date contact information, including accurate emergency contact information. Please may I ask families to make sure that the details on the Arbor app are up to date and accurate.

Thank you

I would like to thank all parents who have donated pre-owned uniform that is no longer needed to the school. Our 'Friends of Ruislip High School' do a great job in sorting this uniform and making sure it is available to purchase at school events. I was particularly struck by the amount of uniform that was donated by the parents of our outgoing Year 11 students on GCSE results day. In these challenging economic times, smart uniform is definitely something that can be recycled, and I would continue to appeal for any unwanted uniform to be donated to the school. The 'Friends' are particularly short of uniform for the younger years, and it has also been suggested that it would be a great idea to build up a supply of smart Sixth Form attire. Should parents/guardians wish to donate any uniform, please could I ask that it is handed to the main school reception. All money raised by the 'Friends' is invested directly back into the school to benefit all of our students.

Open Evening Thursday 24th September 2026 and late start Friday 25th September 2026

Our Year 6 Open Evening will take place on Thursday 24th September 2026. Further information will be sent out in the coming weeks. However, I want to emphasise to parents that there will be a late start on Friday 25th September 2026; the school will be open at 11am and students must arrive by 11:20am at the latest. Should you require your child to arrive at the usual time on Friday 25th September 2026, please contact your child's Head of Year via the main school office email office@ruisliphigh.org.uk

Finally, today, of course, marks the 25th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the United States. I am sure those of us of a certain age all remember where we were when we watched those tragic events unfold on our television screens. Our thoughts and prayers are with all those who lost their lives on that terrible day and with their loved ones. Sadly, in too many areas of our world, conflict, fear and poverty are prevalent. I do believe that education is the silver bullet when it comes to change, and that we should be ambitious about what we can

achieve together so that every child at Ruislip High School is given the opportunity to enjoy and achieve during their time at school.

As we approach the Jewish holiday of Rosh Hashanah this evening, I would like to wish all those who celebrate a very happy Jewish New Year. Shana Tova. To the rest of our community, I wish you a restful weekend.

Yours sincerely



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