

16th June 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians

This week has felt like summer has arrived and I would like to thank students and parents/guardians for maintaining our high expectations for uniform during this week of warmer weather. As next week looks set to be more temperate, we will return to our usual uniform next week. Should the temperatures rise once again, I will of course update students and parents/guardians.

### Examinations and celebratory events

Year 11 and Year 13 students are very close to the end of their examination period, and I speak on behalf of all staff when I thank students for their hard work and conduct during the examinations. This afternoon Year 11 students celebrated the end of their Year 11 journey with a special assembly led by Mr Sills, Head of Year 11, followed by the traditional shirt signing. I know I speak for all the staff at the school in saying what a credit the year group has been to the school and the way they have approached the examination period has been impeccable. I always say that at Ruislip High School we say goodbye in the right way, and I cannot fault the way Year 11 conducted themselves this afternoon. Of course, the vast majority of Year 11 will be returning to our sixth form, but today is a genuine celebration of all they have achieved and the resilience they have shown during their time at school. Year 13 have their final assembly on 29th June 2023 and both year groups have their proms on 29th June 2023. I look forward to these celebratory events and to celebrating students' successes at the results days in August.

### School events

We have had a number of events over the past week, including in-person parents' evening for Year 7 on Wednesday 14th June 2023 and it was a delight to welcome Year 7 parents/guardians to the event. On Monday 12th June 2023 our students completed successfully in the borough Panathlon and groups of Year 10 students this week have taken part in Speak Out workshops and progressive masculinity workshops. I would like to thank the staff who led on these events and the students who took part and made the most of the opportunities available for them. We also welcomed our newest members of the community as the Ruislip High School bees have now arrived in our EcoHub which we are all 'buzzing' about! Parents/guardians may need to prepare themselves for significantly more bee puns as the bees settle into our community and our first task will be to think of an appropriate name for the Queen bee.

I would like to share with parents/guardians the latest edition of the school's student-led publication, the Ruislip Eye (click [here](#)). This half-termly publication is produced by students with the support of Ms Sakr, and reading it has been one of the highlights of my week.

### West End Road shops/bus stops

On a less positive front, I have been growing increasingly concerned about the behaviour of members of our community at the shops and surrounding areas of West End Road. Our school has the very highest reputation in this community and I'm conscious that this reputation is built and dependent on the behaviour of the students who wear our uniform. Over the course of this week I have been in touch with headteachers from local schools to ensure that our message is consistent regarding the fact that young people from other schools should not



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congregate in the vicinity of another school. I rely on Ruislip High School staff to patrol the local area at the end of the school day to ensure our students leave the school in a safe and orderly fashion. I have spoken to students this week to make it absolutely clear that they should not meet up with students from other schools at the end of the day, as unfortunately, we have had isolated incidents in the past when this has happened with very negative consequences.

Finally, I was particularly struck this week with the tragic events that took place in Nottingham with the murder of three innocent people, all with links to education. I found it especially moving last night listening to the words of Grace Kumar's father who somehow found the strength to speak publicly and called on us all to 'look after each other..look after your friends and look after the people around you'. Education is often such an all-consuming sector to be involved in and I think his words should serve as a reminder to us all to focus on what is truly important in our lives and our community.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in grey ink, appearing to read "G.D.", is positioned below the text "Yours sincerely".

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