

16th May 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians

I am writing as we approach the last week of a busy half term at the school and, as you will see from the key dates at the end of this update, next half term will be just as action-packed. Over the past two weeks in particular, students in examination year groups have been working on their external examinations, including GCSEs, A Levels and vocational qualifications. Students have been impressive in terms of their behaviour during examinations and their attitudes to learning during lessons and revision sessions. I have no doubt this impressive behaviour will continue throughout the examination period and after half term there are a number of well-deserved celebration events for students in Years 11 and 13. I particularly look forward to celebrating the end of the examination period with them at celebration assemblies and their proms.

Arbor roll out

Our new MIS, Arbor, has been accessed by 78% of parents/guardians since we launched earlier this term. We encourage all parents/guardians to access the Parent Portal and download the application to stay connected with the school, receive important communications, track your child's positive and negative incidents, monitor their attendance, and record absence. The school no longer uses ClassCharts, and parents/guardians will lose access to that application from Monday 3rd June 2025. I would like to thank all parents/guardians for their support and engagement with Arbor this term.

I have been made aware that as part of our transition to Arbor, parents/guardians were asked for important contact and personal information, which is then held securely in our management information system. I was not aware that this request included asking parents to confirm their religion. I am very proud to lead a diverse school community and would like to stress that a child's religious faith is not something that we monitor. With this in mind, I do not believe we need to hold this information and want to assure parents that this information has now been removed from our records.

Uniform & after school behaviour

At Ruislip High School, we take pride in the high standards we set for our students, both in their learning and in the way they present themselves. Our uniform plays a key role in fostering a sense of identity, equality, and belonging and I know that many families choose our school because of these high expectations.

While most students wear their uniform correctly, we have recently seen a small number making modifications that do not align with our uniform requirements. These include rolling up skirts to shorten them, using hair bands to tie back jumpers to alter their fit, and wearing trousers too low, which detract from the smart appearance we expect. We are grateful for the support we receive from parents/guardians, and to help us maintain these standards, we ask that you speak to your child about the importance of wearing the uniform correctly and in line with our policy (click [here](#)).

Some parents may also be aware of concerns raised on local social media platforms last weekend regarding student behaviour. The school encourages anyone witnessing anti-social behaviour by Ruislip High School students to report it via the office email: office@ruisliphighschool.org.uk. In this instance, the school was able to identify the individuals responsible and issue high-level sanctions. Senior staff have patrolled local parks this week, in

addition to our usual patrols in the vicinity of the school, and I would again reiterate that we encourage all students to respect our community neighbours and leave the area of the school in a calm and orderly manner. I would emphasise that the vast majority of our students get this right every day, and I would like to thank parents/guardians for their continued support.

Changes to break and lunch time for Year 9 and Year 10 students

After the half-term break, students in Year 9 will move to the second break and second lunch timetable, in order to enable all year groups to have more space during social times. The Year 9 start and end time will remain the same. Year 9 will move to the atrium and Year 10 will move to the restaurant area.

The Year 9 timetable from Monday 2nd June 2025 will therefore run as follows:

Year 9	
Tutor	08:30
Period 1	09:05
Period 2	10:05
Break	11:05
Period 3	11:25
Period 4	12:25
Lunch	13:25
Period 5	14:00
Leave at	15:00

Letter from Metropolitan Police

I am sorry to say that the Metropolitan Police have written to all Hillingdon headteachers this week emphasising some disturbing news around cruelty towards animals. I would stress that there is no suggestion that students from Ruislip High School are responsible but I have agreed to share a letter from the police to all Hillingdon school parents that can be found [here](#).

Vanguard Learning Trust news

Due to the shortness of the first half of the summer term, there will not be a half-term letter to parents summarising Trust-wide developments. There will be some updates through the schools' bulletins including the updated league table for the VLT cup as well as confirmed dates for student-led activities. I also wanted to share with parents that one of our Trust schools, Ryefield Primary School, is hosting Happy's Circus on Thursday 5th June 2025 and more details about this fun family event can be found [here](#).

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your continued support and wish all members of the community a restful weekend.

Yours sincerely



Gareth Davies
Headteacher

Key dates for next half term

- Monday 2nd June 2025: Half term begins
- Monday 2nd June 2025 - Friday 6th June 2025: Year 12 PPEs
- Monday 2nd June 2025 - Tuesday 1st July 2025: Careers month
- Saturday 7th June 2025 - Sunday 8th June 2025: Duke of Edinburgh assessed Bronze expedition
- Monday 9th June 2025 - Friday 13th June 2025: Year 12 work experience week
- Tuesday 10th June 2025: Year 8 HPV vaccinations
- Sunday 15th June 2025: Year 12 Geography trip leaves
- Monday 16th June 2025: Year 10 & Year 12 Globe Theatre trip
- Wednesday 18th June 2025: VLT Year 7 table tennis competition
- Wednesday 18th June 2025: Year 12 Geography trip returns
- Friday 20th June 2025: Year 10 Science Museum trip
- Friday 20th June 2025: Year 7 Medical Mavericks workshops
- Monday 23rd June 2025 - Friday 27th June 2025: RAG week
- Monday 23rd June 2025: Year 10 Geography trip
- Tuesday 24th June 2025: Year 12 mock interview day
- Tuesday 24th June 2025: Parent Voice meeting (remote) 6pm-7pm
- Wednesday 25th June 2025: Year 7 Westminster Abbey & National Portrait Gallery trip
- Thursday 26th June 2025: Year 13 leavers' assembly - 11am
- Thursday 26th June 2025: Year 11 prom - 7pm - 11pm
- Thursday 26th June 2025: Year 13 leavers' ball - 7pm - 11pm
- Friday 26th June 2025 - Sunday 29th June 2025: Duke of Edinburgh assessed Silver expedition
- Tuesday 1st July 2025 - Sunday 6th July 2025: Duke of Edinburgh assessed Gold expedition
- Tuesday 1st July 2025: Sports day
- Tuesday 1st July 2025: Oxford Brookes University trip
- Tuesday 1st July 2025: Year 6 transition day
- Wednesday 2nd July 2025: Year 12 sociology students' Old Bailey trip
- Thursday 3rd July 2025: Year 10 textiles students' Business Design Centre trip
- Thursday 3rd July 2025: Wimbledon trip
- Thursday 3rd July 2025: Friends of Ruislip High School community event - 5:30pm - 7pm
- Friday 4th July 2025: Year 12 sociology students' Old Bailey trip

- Friday 4th July 2025: LSF coffee morning 10am - 11am
- Monday 7th July 2025 - Friday 11th July 2025: Thank you week
- Monday 7th July 2025: Year 8 HPV vaccinations
- Tuesday 8th July 2025: Sixth form induction day
- Wednesday 9th July 2025: VLT Year 7 oracy competition
- Wednesday 9th July 2025: Year 12 History trip
- Wednesday 9th July 2025: PE awards evening - 5pm - 6:30pm
- Thursday 10th July 2025: Year 12 Talk the Talk
- Thursday 10th July 2025: Summer play - 5:45pm - 6:30pm
- Friday 11th July 2025: Year 10 media studies trip
- Monday 14th July 2025: Summer reward trip
- Wednesday 16th July 2025: Year 8 Tower of London & Natural History Museum trip
- Wednesday 16th July 2025: Summer music soiree - 5:30pm - 6:30pm
- Thursday 17th July 2025: Year 8 Tower of London & Natural History Museum trip
- Friday 18th July 2025: Term ends - All students will be dismissed at 12pm