

17th December 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians

I am writing to update parents/guardians at the end of an autumn term that feels sadly very similar to the end of last autumn term. I would like to thank all of our community for the messages of support the school has received during the past term, and throughout the pandemic, and particularly thank our students, who have continued to follow our protocols with a real sense of maturity. Ruislip High School will always be a school at the heart of the community it serves and I could not be prouder as Headteacher.

We have managed to have some Christmas fun this week and on Wednesday I had a slight job change and helped to serve up the Christmas lunch. It was lovely to see students and staff enjoying roast dinner and Christmas music; the atmosphere was certainly festive.

Key Stage 4 PPEs

Students in Year 11 and Year 10 Citizenship students have sat their pre-public examinations (PPEs) over the past two weeks. I have been incredibly impressed with both how students have followed our examination procedures and how dedicated students have been to preparing for these examinations. After the disruption these cohorts have faced, and the uncertainty of next summer, their hard work and resilience is a real credit to the students and their families.

January 2022

Much like this time last year, we are ending the term with uncertainty about what the new year will bring. There is understandable anxiety about January, but as a community we have shown time and again what can be achieved together. On that basis we should feel hopeful too.

We have an INSET day on Tuesday 4th January 2022 which is to provide time for teachers to focus on Year 11 PPE moderation and planning for future teaching based on the PPEs. There is also lateral flow testing in place for students in Years 11 and 13 on this date. I know that a staggered return to school is not ideal but I trust parents/guardians appreciate the importance of starting the new term by keeping the community safe. Please click [here](#) to see the testing schedule and return to school dates in full.

HS2

As parents/guardians will be aware, there are plans for exploratory work for HS2 to be carried out at the start of January. Please click [here](#) for the schedule of work as we understand it. I will continue to work with HS2's community liaison team to ascertain what we can do to manage any further disruption that may be in store.

Charitable donations

I am delighted to share with parents/guardians the receipts for the charity donations we have made for 2021. I am

so grateful to everyone who has supported our designated charities and raised over £10,000 in total. Our chosen charities all had links to the school and local community. This year saw the school lose a former colleague, Nadira

Morris, to cancer and it is fitting that we have been able to make a sizeable donation to Breast Cancer UK, the charity she supported. Please click [here](#) for more detail on the charity donations recipients.

Year 7 and 8 exams January 2022

Students in Years 7 and 8 will undertake exams in lessons during the week of 10th January 2022. Please click [here](#) for information regarding Year 7 exams and [here](#) for Year 8. Should parents/guardians have any questions about the exams, please contact your child's Head of Year via the main school office.

Safeguarding information

I would like to share with parents/guardians information regarding social media apps that many young people use. Please click [here](#) for information about the potential risks of some of these apps. I would also like to remind parents/guardians that e-scooters are illegal unless used on private land with the owner's consent. Please click [here](#) for a parents' guide to e-scooters.

Key dates for next half term

Please note that some of these dates are dependent on government guidelines regarding COVID-19 safety measures and are therefore subject to change.

- Tuesday 4th January 2022: INSET day (testing for students in Years 11 and 13)
- Wednesday 5th January 2022: Term begins for students in Years 7, 11 and 13 (testing for students in Years 8, 9, 10 and 12)
- Thursday 6th January 2022: All students return to school
- Monday 10th January 2022 - Friday 14th January 2022: Year 7 & 8 assessment week
- Thursday 13th January 2022: Year 10 parents' evening 4:30pm-7pm
- Monday 24th January 2022: Sixth form application deadline
- Monday 24th January 2022 - Friday 28th January 2022: Year 13 PPE week
- Thursday 27th January 2022: Year 11 parents' evening 3.45pm-7pm (no tutor time for students in Years 10-13)
- Friday 28th January 2022: Winter reward trip from 1:45pm
- Monday 7th February 2022: Sixth form interview day
- Monday 7th February 2022 - Friday 11th February 2022: Safer internet week
- Tuesday 8th February 2022: Safer internet day
- Thursday 10th February 2022: Year 8 parents' evening 2:30pm-7pm (1:30pm finish for Year 7 & 8)
- Friday 11th February 2022: End of half term



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Finally, I am pleased to share with families the termly newsletter (click [here](#)) which shows that, despite the challenges of the term, there have been a great variety of achievements. On behalf of all the staff at Ruislip High School, I wish you all a restful and enjoyable Christmas break.

Yours sincerely

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

Gareth Davies
Headteacher