

18th July 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians

As we reach the end of another academic year at Ruislip High School, I would like to start by thanking parents and guardians for all of your support over the past year. I have attended all of the year group celebration assemblies over the past three days and it has been a perfect way to end the term. I am also pleased to share with parents/guardians the summer issue of our newsletter [here](#).

Summer results days

I am looking forward to celebrating the success of our students who have sat external examinations this year in August, with results for A Levels and Level 3 vocational qualifications on Thursday 14th August 2025, and for GCSE and Level 2 vocational qualifications on Thursday 21st August 2025. Parents/guardians have received separate letters regarding the arrangements for collecting examination results from Mr Peacock, Head of Sixth Form.

Changes to staffing

At the end of this academic year, we are saying goodbye to a number of staff who are leaving Ruislip High School for new opportunities. A particular strength of the school, considering our location in the west of London, is just how long staff remain here. At our end-of-term staff gathering yesterday, I was delighted to celebrate five staff members who have served the school for over 15 years, qualifying for our Trust-wide long service awards. I'm incredibly proud that many others have been with us even longer, some since the school first opened its doors in September 2006. Professional development is also a key mantra of the school, and I believe our students benefit from our staff continuing to stretch and challenge themselves as practitioners.

The Friends of Ruislip High School and uniform donations

I am very grateful to the Friends of Ruislip High School for their support with two large events last week. The 'Friends' sold much of their large stock of pre-owned uniform during our Year 6 induction event, and as we approach the summer holidays, I would like to appeal for any unwanted uniform to be donated to the school. They are particularly short of uniform for the younger years, and it was also suggested to me this week 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.

I would also like to thank the Friends for running our summer quiz night and raffle last Thursday evening. It was a really enjoyable event, and great to see some new Year 6 families attending. The evening culminated with the drawing of a raffle that included some of the best prizes I have seen in a school raffle. I would like to thank the Friends for all their efforts in gaining such a great selection of prizes, and all the local businesses that supported the school. Again, the raffle raised significant money for the school, and I understand any families who were not present to collect their prizes have been contacted via email.

Parent Voice

As long as I have been headteacher of the school I have always been fortunate to have a strong Parent Voice group who have met with me and a fellow member of the senior leadership team to discuss issues affecting the school community. The group have given me a strong parental perspective regarding prospective new policies we are working on and how certain policies and procedures are implemented across the school. Members are clear that it is not a forum to discuss individual students, but is a place where parents can set the agenda. Our hybrid meeting structure includes both on-site and remote meetings, and the schedule for the 2025-2026 academic year can be found [here](#). Should parents wish to join the group, please contact Ms Beasley, PA to the Headteacher, via the school office email: office@ruisliphigh.com.

Thank You Week

In the final week of the academic year I wanted to take the opportunity to thank teaching and support staff for often going over and beyond in their support and dedication to the school and our students. I remain very aware that although recruitment and retention are real challenges in the teaching profession we have a largely stable staffing model here at the school. Whenever we have external visitors to the school, the quality of teaching and learning is something that is consistently commented on and I wanted to give parents the opportunity to share a brief thank you message to any member of staff they feel has gone above and beyond this year. A link to the thank you form can be found [here](#).

Arbor and communications

I would like to again thank parents and guardians for their understanding and support with the school's mid-year change from ClassCharts to Arbor. I am delighted that 89% of parents and guardians are using the application regularly. The school's MIS is essential to the smooth running of Ruislip High School and a fantastic feature of Arbor is that parents and guardians are able to update contact details through the Parent Portal. As we come to the end of the year, I would request that all families log in and check the contact details for any one who should be listed as a contact or emergency contact for your child.

Safeguarding

As we now begin the summer holiday, I would like to remind families of the importance of keeping safe over the holiday period. There is a wealth of information including resources and useful contacts on our website (click [here](#)). With the recent high temperatures, and forecasts suggesting that this hot weather will continue into the summer, there is growing concern around the increased risk of drowning incidents among young people. The Metropolitan Police Service's Marine Support Unit has asked schools to share this important message with families. Please click [here](#) to access their presentation

I have also been made aware that a small number of our students have been riding their bicycles on pavements without due consideration for pedestrians. We kindly ask parents to remind their children of the importance of cycling responsibly, including wearing helmets and completing the relevant Bikeability training courses.

Return to school - September 2025

School opens for staff on Monday 1st September 2025 and I look forward to welcoming back students, who have a staggered return as detailed below.

Wednesday 3rd September 2025

- **Year 7 students:** Start at 8:30am, dismissed at 3pm.
- **Year 12 and 13 students:** Start at 8:30am, dismissed at 12:25pm.
- **Year 11 students:** Start at 2pm (doors open at 1:45pm), dismissed at 3pm.

Students starting Year 8, 9 and 10 in September do not return until Thursday 4th September 2025.

Thursday 4th September 2025

Year 8, 9, and 10 students: Return to school as normal

All other year groups will attend at 8:30am and will be dismissed at 3pm.

Finally, I would like to again thank the parent community for their unwavering support which means so much to me and the Ruislip High School staff. I wish all members of the Ruislip High School community a lovely summer and I look forward to welcoming the students back in September.

Yours sincerely



Gareth Davies

Headteacher

Key dates for next half term

Wednesday 3rd September 2025: Year 7 students to arrive between 8:10am - 8:25am and go to the assembly hall
Wednesday 3rd September 2025: Year 12 & 13 students to arrive at 8:25am and go to tutor rooms
Wednesday 3rd September 2025: Year 11 students to arrive between 1:45pm - 1:55pm and go to tutor rooms
Thursday 4th September 2025: Normal day for all students
Friday 5th September 2025: School photos for Year 7, 10, 11 & 12
Thursday 11th September 2025: Year 12 success in the sixth form evening - 5:15pm-7pm
Monday 15th September 2025: Success in Year 13 evening - 5:15pm-7pm
Thursday 18th September 2025: Panathlon event at RHS
Monday 22nd September 2025: Bronze Duke of Edinburgh information evening - 5pm-6pm
Thursday 25th September 2025 - Year 6 open evening - 4:30pm-7:30pm
Friday 26th September 2025: Late start 11:25am
Monday 29th September - Friday 3rd October 2025: Year 12 assessment week
Tuesday 30th September 2025 - Parent Voice meeting (in person) 6pm-7pm
Wednesday 1st October - Friday 24th October 2025: Black history month
Tuesday 7th October 2025: STEAM trip to Thorpe Park (Year 8 & 9)
Monday 13th October - Friday 18th October 2025: Safeguarding week
Monday 13th October - Friday 18th October 2025: Thank you week
Tuesday 14th October 2025: Year 11 history trip
Thursday 16th October 2025: Year 11 history trip
Thursday 26th October 2025: Year 7 tutor evening
Friday 17th October 2025: Wear red day (show racism the card)
Tuesday 21st October 2025: Year 12 universities trip
Thursday 23rd October 2025: Year group photos
Thursday 23rd October 2025: Year 13 theatre trip
Friday 24th October 2025: Half term ends
Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October 2025: Half term