

18th November 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians

I am writing to update parents/guardians after another busy week, with trips for Sixth Form students to the University of Cambridge, Year 11 students to Uxbridge College, and students studying vocational subjects in Years 10-13 visiting Cadbury World to learn about business and tourism. I would like to thank the staff involved in all of these trips and parents/guardians for your support with this important part of students' education.

Sixth Form Open Evening

I would like to thank parents/guardians of students in Year 11 who attended Sixth Form Open Evening on Wednesday 16th November 2022. It was fantastic to see the vast majority of Year 11 students and their families, along with students from other local schools, attending and finding out more about life in the Sixth Form at Ruislip High School. I would like to thank Ms Horton, Assistant Headteacher, for organising the event.

Years 7-9 robotics workshops

In order to enhance the science and technology curriculum, all students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will take part in an intermediate STEMrobotics workshop on one of the following dates: Monday 21st November 2022, Tuesday 22nd November 2022, Wednesday 14th December 2022 and Thursday 15th December 2022. The students will have the opportunity to build a vehicular robot from instructions and be taught how to code it accurately. The aim of the workshop is to make the robot react to particular stimuli. Students have been told when their session is taking place and I am sure they will enjoy what promises to be an exciting and enriching experience. I would like to thank Ms Hide, Head of Science, for organising the workshops.

INSET days Thursday 24th and Friday 25th November 2022

As parents/guardians will be aware, the school is closed for students next Thursday and Friday. Staff will be in school and will be receiving training on a number of areas including supporting students with reading and training from Equaliteach. Please note that the school office will be closed all day on Friday 25th November 2022 as all staff will be involved in the training.

Parent Communication Policy

I am fortunate to lead a school where the vast majority of parents/guardians are incredibly supportive of the school's policies and practices. I trust parents/guardians appreciate that school staff must be spoken to appropriately, including through written communication such as through email. The parent communication policy ([click here](#)) has recently been updated and I would like to remind parents/guardians that we always appreciate feedback from the community but that we must always communicate with each other appropriately.

Travel in the local area

I would like to thank all in the community following the incident at the Polish War Memorial junction on Tuesday 15th November 2022 which meant that traffic was seriously affected in the local area including the cancellation of buses on West End Road. I would add that we have had concerns from local residents and TFL regarding the

number of children waiting for buses at the end of the school day. I appreciate that, for some students, buses are necessary and appropriate, but I would encourage students to walk home where possible.

World Cup

I know this world cup has been a focus of much debate in the media and unfortunately not for purely footballing reasons. I am conscious that the first game in the tournament that affects England takes place on Monday 21st November 2022. A number of students and staff have approached me regarding watching this game in school but I am very aware that we have already missed one Monday this year due to the bank holiday that occurred as a result of Queen Elizabeth II's funeral and there is a further unplanned bank holiday later in the year due to the coronation of King Charles III. Our core business is teaching and learning and that's what we need to focus on each and every day, even during a world cup.

Finally, I am delighted to share with parents/guardians the first edition of the Ruislip Eye (click [here](#)), which has been produced by students supported by Ms Sakr, Teacher of English. Following feedback from parents about the wealth of communication provided by school staff, I will now publish my update and the parent bulletin on alternate weeks.

Yours sincerely



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