

19th July 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians

I would like to start by thanking parents/guardians for the continued support throughout the year. Activities Week took place the week commencing 3rd July 2023 and, whilst there were challenges and adjustments due to industrial action and the great British weather, it was a real success and the feedback has been incredibly positive. I have received a number of messages from parents and guardians regarding the trips and activities and I know staff appreciate these acknowledgements. 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 Vanguard Learning Trust newsletter (click [here](#)); please note that the RHS summer term newsletter will be shared with parents/guardians tomorrow.

Events at Ruislip High School

The full details of Activities Week were shared in last week's parent bulletin (click [here](#)) but this past week and a half has seen a range of further events including: Year 12 work experience, Year 8 and 9 technology workshops, Sixth Form induction day and the reward trip to Thorpe Park last week. I was delighted when nearly 400 students qualified for the reward trip and, whilst the weather was somewhat inclement, the students had a fantastic time.

I am also pleased to share with parents/guardians that Keira and Eve in Year 9 competed at the swimming event of the London Youth Games on 1st July 2023, representing the London Borough of Hillingdon. Both students won silver in the girls under 14s 4x50m freestyle relay and I was delighted to receive a picture of the two students celebrating their medals at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park (click [here](#)).

Results days August 2023

I am looking forward to celebrating with students on Thursday 17th August 2023 for A Level results day, and Thursday 24th August 2023 for GCSE results day. Students in Years 11 and 13 will receive their results during an appointment with a member of staff regarding their next steps; parents/guardians and students have received details of their appointment times. Students in Years 10 and 12 can collect their results from school at 11am on 24th August 2023 (for Year 10 students) and 17th August 2023 (for Year 12 students).

First day back - Tuesday 5th September 2023

All students return to school on Tuesday 5th September 2023. Students in Year 7 (current Year 6 students) should arrive at 8.25am and students in Years 12 and 13 (current Year 11 and 12 students) should arrive at school at 8.30am. All other students should arrive at 1.45pm.

The recent report from the Children's Commissioner (click [here](#)) identified that children who miss one of the first few days of a new term for unauthorised reasons are much more likely to miss long periods of school compared with their peers: those students had a predicted overall absence of almost 45%, or 31 days across a term. This is a useful reminder to us all of how important it is that students are at school in those first days in September.

Key dates for next half term

Tuesday 5th September 2023: Start of term for all year groups
Thursday 14th September 2023: School photos for Year 7, 10, 11 & 12
Thursday 14th September 2023: Success in the Sixth Form evening - 5pm-7pm
Monday 18th September 2023: Success in Year 13 evening - 5pm-7pm
Thursday 28th September 2023: Year 6 open evening - 4:30pm-7:30pm
Friday 29th September 2023: Late start 11:25am
Tuesday 4th October 2023 - Wednesday 5th October 2023: Year 11 history trip
Monday 9th October 2023 - Friday 13th October 2023: Safeguarding week
Wednesday 18th October 2023: Year 12 universities trip
Thursday 19th October 2023: Year 9 parents' evening
Monday 23rd October 2023 - Friday 27th October 2023: Half term
Monday 23rd October 2023 - Wednesday 25th October 2023: Year 13 drama trip to Stratford-upon-Avon

I have been asked to share with parents/guardians a letter from the NHS North West London Childhood Vaccinations Team letter (click [here](#)) which highlights the importance of ensuring young people are up to date with their routine immunisation course.

Finally, I would like to 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 students on Tuesday 5th September 2023.

Yours sincerely



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