

20th June 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians

I would like to thank all parents/guardians for supporting the school in our drive to maintain our exceptionally high standards despite energy-sapping temperatures throughout the week. Given the high temperatures, it was clear that we had to make adjustments to our uniform and I am grateful to students for wearing the adjusted uniform as instructed and to parents/guardians for their continued support. As the weather looks set to remain very warm into next week, we will continue with the summer uniform and I will write separately to parents/guardians when we deem it appropriate to return to the full uniform. School staff have done as much as possible to keep the building cool this week, including ventilating the building during the cooler hours of the day where possible. I would like to remind parents/guardians that students should have a water bottle, which can be refilled during social times, and that should students choose to spend social time outside, they should bring and use sun cream.

Parent Voice remote meeting - Tuesday 24th June 2025, 6pm - 7pm

The next Parent Voice meeting will be held remotely on Tuesday 24th June 2025, from 6pm to 7pm. If you would like to join the Parent Voice group, please email office@ruisliphigh.org.uk for the attention of Ms Beasley. If you are a current member, please could you email Ms Beasley to confirm your attendance. I am conscious that recent attendance to these meetings have been disappointing and I do believe we need a minimum number of confirmed attendees to make the meeting worthwhile. I will write to everyone who confirms attendance on Tuesday morning to confirm if the meeting is going ahead. I am happy to keep the agenda fairly open and we can discuss how to move the group forward into the next academic year.

Mobile phone usage

I wrote to the parents/guardians of our new Year 6 into 7 students earlier in the week, to outline a change in approach at the school regarding smartphones. I attach the letter [here](#), and a frequently asked questions document [here](#). I am conscious that although the use of mobile phones in school is not a significant issue at Ruislip High School, I believe there is an increasing body of evidence that suggests there are real dangers in providing access to social media to children. I am also increasingly concerned that our students are becoming targets for street crime given the expensive phones that they are carrying. We had particularly unpleasant incidents earlier in the week where our students were victims of this type of crime and I remain concerned regarding the number of our students who walk in the local area with their phones in their hands.

Message from the Metropolitan Police

As outlined in my comments about mobile phones above, it is clear that Hillingdon Borough has seen an increase in theft, snatch and robbery offences in the last couple of weeks. School-age children have been victims of some of these offences, with some of the incidents involving young people travelling to and from school. Mobile phones are primarily being targeted. I have received various information leaflets from the Metropolitan Police and other agencies this week, and I wanted to share these with parents/guardians. I will continue to work closely with the local police, and RHS staff will continue to patrol the area in the immediate vicinity of the school. Please find some useful links below:

Personal safety letter to parents/guardians [here](#)

Street robbery poster [here](#)

Phone safety leaflet [here](#)

Talking to tweens leaflet [here](#)

Recognition from the King

I am delighted to share with parents/guardians that our very own Mr Joseph, Head of Year 10, was recognised in the King's Birthday Honours list last weekend. It is now Mr Joseph MBE, and I am so pleased to see our honours system recognising someone who has done so much to support young people. In addition to teaching, Mr Joseph's other passion is basketball, and as well as leading some very successful senior basketball teams, Mr Joseph is also a huge advocate for the game for young people. There is no doubt that he deserves this award for his services to the game, but I am equally grateful for the commitment and dedication he shows each and every day at RHS. I share a link [here](#) from Basketball England and the good news story from our website that can be found [here](#).

Finally I would like to wish all members of our community a peaceful weekend and hope you have the opportunity to enjoy the lovely weather.

Yours sincerely



Gareth Davies
Headteacher