

21st January 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians

I would like to start by thanking parents/guardians for the support we have received following the government announcement on Wednesday regarding the wearing of face coverings in classrooms. I have contacted Public Health England this week due to the number of cases within the school and, given current transmission rates in our community, I have made the decision to continue with our current position that masks are to be worn inside the building whenever social distancing cannot be maintained. Should rates continue to fall in the school community, I anticipate removing this restriction in line with the government guidance. I will review this decision early next week and update parents/guardians prior to the next phase of relaxation of COVID measures due to come into force on Thursday 27th January 2022. I trust parents/guardians appreciate that this is not a simple decision and that my main priority has to be the health and safety of our community and reducing transmission rates to ensure that teachers can teach and students can attend school and learn.

Year 13 PPEs

Next week sees Year 13 undertake their pre-public examinations (PPEs) and I would like to thank students for the hard work they have put into preparing for these important assessments, and parents/guardians for supporting their child.

Thursday 27th January 2022 - early finish for students in Years 10-13

On Thursday 27th January 2022, Year 11 students will receive their PPE results at 2.45pm before Year 11 parents' evening starts at 3.45pm via SchoolCloud. I would like to remind parents/guardians that students in Years 11-13 finish at 2.45pm on that day because of the earlier start time of Year 11 parents' evening.

Astronomy

At Ruislip High School, we always reach for the sky but we are now going further and reaching for the stars. I am very excited about the forthcoming astronomy evening for students in Year 7 taking place on Thursday 3rd February 2022, starting at 5pm, which will allow students the opportunity to use a telescope and virtual headsets to explore the sky at night. Parents of Year 7 students who have not already signed up should email office@ruisliphigh.org.uk for the attention of Mr Gould, Assistant Headteacher.

Finally, I would like to share with parents/guardians the latest edition of the parent bulletin (click [here](#)) and, with the forthcoming Trust photography competition focusing on the theme of happiness, I would like to wish all of our community a very happy weekend.

Yours sincerely



Gareth Davies
Headteacher