

22nd October 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians

I wrote at the start of this term that the world, and the school, was starting to open up again following the pandemic but that COVID-19 was still with us and, sadly, that has most definitely been the case over the past few days. I am grateful for the support of the entire community regarding the COVID-19 protocol measures I have instigated this week. I would like to thank all students for the positive approach they have taken and how maturely they have worn their masks this week. I intend to continue with the wearing of masks and the use of remote meetings, rather than inviting visitors into school, for the first week back after the half-term break. I will monitor the number of positive COVID-19 cases within our community when we return next month and I will update parents/guardians as the situation changes.

COVID-19 testing and vaccinations

On Monday and Tuesday of this week the School Aged Immunisation Service (SAIS) team was at Ruislip High School to issue COVID-19 vaccinations. Unfortunately, due to staff absence in the NHS and limited numbers of vaccines available this week, the team was not able to vaccinate all of the students for whom we have received consent. I am still awaiting an update from the SAIS and North West London Clinical Commissioning Team regarding another date to visit the school. I will of course update parents once I receive this information. Should parents/guardians have any questions about the vaccination, please contact the School Aged Immunisation Service (SAIS). The contact for Hillingdon is Pat Stephens (patriciastephens@nhs.net). Parents/guardians will also be able to book COVID-19 vaccinations for their children aged 12-15 years old from the end of today (Friday 22nd October 2021) through the NHS. Click [here](#) for more information.

I would like to remind families about the importance of taking lateral flow tests twice weekly, particularly at the end of the half-term break before students return to school.

Year 10 and Year 11 revision resources

I would like to thank the families of Year 11 students who attended our virtual event on Tuesday 19th October 2021, Success in 2022: GCSE information evening, where we shared information following Ofqual's announcement regarding qualifications in 2022. Please click [here](#) for the Year 11 revision resources which include information about known topics that will be assessed next summer. We will continue to update families as more information is shared by awarding bodies.

I would also like to share with families of Year 10 students a similar document (click [here](#)) which includes revision information for Year 10 students for the core subjects of English and maths; Citizenship, which the vast majority of Year 10 students will sit in summer 2022; and Travel & Tourism, as students studying this subject are preparing for an exam in January 2022.

Students visiting the park on West End Road

I would like to remind parents/guardians that students should not loiter in the local area before or after school. I have spoken to our Safer Schools Officer this week and am saddened to share with families that drug paraphernalia has been found at the local park on West End Road (often referred to as banana park). I have asked

Heads of Year to let students know that after the half-term break, students who are seen in school uniform loitering in the local area, particularly in the park, will be sanctioned. I trust parents/guardians appreciate that this is a supportive measure to keep students safe, and not because we do not want our students to enjoy their leisure time.

Key dates for next half term

Please note that some of these dates are dependent on government guidelines regarding COVID-19 safety measures and are therefore subject to change.

Monday 25th October 2021 - Thursday 28th October 2021: Duke of Edinburgh Gold expedition
Monday 1st November 2021: Half term begins
Monday 1st November 2021 - Monday 8th November 2021: GCSE Autumn exam season
Wednesday 3rd November 2021: Year group photographs
Wednesday 10th November 2021: Year 10 Computer Science BIMA digital day
Thursday 11th November 2021: Year 7 Tutor Evening - 4:30pm - 7pm (held remotely)
Monday 15th November 2021 - Friday 19th November 2021: Careers week
Wednesday 17th November 2021: Sixth form Open Evening
Wednesday 17th November 2021: Year 13 English conference trip
Monday 22nd November 2021: Year 11 & 12 trip to University of Cambridge
Wednesday 24th November 2021: Parent Voice meeting - 6pm 7:30pm (virtual)
Thursday 25th November 2021: INSET day
Friday 26th November 2021: INSET day
Thursday 2nd December 2021: Year 12 Parents' Evening - 4:30pm - 7pm
Friday 3rd December 2021: Christmas community event - 5pm - 6:30pm
Monday 6th December 2021 - Friday 10th December 2021: Thank you week
Tuesday 7th December 2021: Years 7-11 Flu immunisations
Wednesday 8th December 2021 - Friday 17th December 2021: Year 11 PPE week
Wednesday 8th December 2021 & Thursday 9th December 2021: Christmas production - 5:30pm - 7:30pm
Friday 17th December 2021: Term ends (leave time from 12pm-12:30pm)

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all Ruislip High School families a restful and enjoyable half term and I look forward to welcoming students back to school on Monday 1st November 2021.

Yours sincerely



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