

22nd September 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians

The weather definitely now feels like autumn and it is lovely to see how well the students have settled into the term and the new academic year. Over the past week there have been information events for families of Year 12 and Year 13 students and I would urge parents/guardians to complete the feedback form (click [here](#) for Year 12 and [here](#) for Year 13) so we can tailor these events going forward.

Open Evening Thursday 28th September 2023 - late start Friday 29th September 2023

Next week sees our annual Open Evening where we welcome prospective parents and students. I am delighted that a large number of students have volunteered to take families on tours of the school and support in curriculum areas and thank families for your support with this important event.

There is a late start following the evening to ensure that the classrooms are ready for lessons following Open Evening. On Friday 29th September 2023, school will open at 11.10am and students must arrive before 11:25am for the start of Period 3. Should parents/guardians require support with the late start, please email office@ruisliphigh.org.uk for the attention of Mrs Ware, SENCO, as we are able to offer supervision in school for a small number of students.

Safeguarding

Ms Coltman, Deputy Headteacher, has led assemblies this week focusing on safeguarding. At Ruislip High, like other local schools, we use knife arches and drug detection dogs, in conjunction with the Metropolitan Police, as preventative measures and a reminder that the school needs to be free from weapons and illegal drugs. We also practise fire drills and shelter in place drills. I would like to reassure families that these are routine measures rather than a response to genuine concerns. During both the fire drill last week and the Shelter in Place drill this morning the students' behaviour was exemplary and it is vitally important that students and staff are clear on the procedures in the unlikely event of such an emergency.

I would also like to share with parents/guardians this link (click [here](#)) from Action for Children regarding vaping, which includes details of the dangers of vaping and the support that is available to families.

Finally, I would like to remind parents/guardians that we have a Parent Voice group which meets termly to discuss a range of aspects of the school. Please click [here](#) for full details of how to become part of our Parent Voice.

Yours sincerely



Gareth Davies
Headteacher