

24th September 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians

Open Evening Thursday 30th September 2021

As you will be aware, our Open Evening for prospective students and parents/guardians is due to take place on Thursday 30th September 2021. I would like to remind all parents/guardians that students will all be dismissed at 2.45pm on Thursday 30th September 2021; there will be no tutorial session for students in Years 10-13 that day.

There is a full range of online resources that will be available on our website from Thursday 30th September 2021 including a tour of the school and information from key staff including Ms Loizou, Head of Year 7; Mrs Ware, SENCO; Mr Garner, Chair of Governors; and my talk as Headteacher. There are also ticketed tours of the school available on the evening. Due to the exceptionally high level of demand for tickets for tours on the evening, we have already had to adapt our protocols and make additional tickets available; these were added to our website for release at 5pm this evening. Whilst we typically ask many students to support the school on our Open Evening, due to COVID-19 safety measures we are reducing numbers on site during the evening. I am grateful that so many Year 7 students are keen to support particular subjects and would ask parents/guardians of Year 7 students who have not yet signed up to complete the short form (click [here](#)) before midday on Monday 27th September 2021.

We are also planning a series of open mornings at the start of October 2021 and more information will be available on our website early next week.

Late start Friday 1st October 2021

I would like to remind parents/guardians that, due to the Open Evening next week, there will be a late start on Friday 1st October 2021. School will open at 10.50am and all students must be on site ready to start Period 3 at 11.10am.

Road safety

There are a number of roadworks happening close to the school including those on West End Road. I would encourage parents/guardians to remind your child about the importance of road safety and ask those families who use Sidmouth Drive around school drop off/pick up times to take extra care. I have also contacted the local authority about this issue.

Community Engagement

I would like to thank the parents/guardians who have already completed our short survey (click [here](#)) regarding community engagement, including our parental newsletter and Friends of Ruislip High School. Please complete the survey if you have not already done so before it closes on Monday 27th September 2021.

Finally, I am sure many families will have seen Ruislip High School student Rhys Porter on BBC Breakfast TV both yesterday and today. Rhys was the victim of abhorrent social media abuse for a post showing him playing football for a disability sports club. He has shown amazing resilience and used his experience to raise over £14,000 for SCOPE to date. A link to Rhys's justgiving page can be found [here](#) and I also include a link to his story [here](#). I had



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the privilege of spending some time with Rhys and his family this morning and am sure the whole Ruislip High School community would join me in being immensely proud of Rhys and his achievements.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G.D.", is positioned above the printed name.

Gareth Davies
Headteacher