

26th April 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians

It has been an incredibly challenging start to the summer term at the school. As I have already shared with parents and guardians, a student in Year 11 passed away during the Easter holidays having been seriously ill with cancer, and last week a student in Year 11 passed away suddenly. Our thoughts are very much with the friends and families of the two students at this sad time. We are looking to support all members of our community and have engaged extra counsellors to provide support for students and staff. As I have previously written, please contact the school, for the attention of Ms Coltman, Deputy Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead, should you feel that you, your child, or another member of the community, require support at this time or in the future. I would like to remind parents that we are here to support students at this time and there is support available within school and on our website (click [here](#)) including Child Bereavement UK (click [here](#) or call 0800 02 888 40) and Cruse Bereavement Support (click [here](#) or call 0808 808 1677).

I would also like to share some information with parents and guardians created by Jane Hayward, Educational Psychologist, who works for Ruislip High School and across the Vanguard Learning Trust. Jane is in school supporting staff and students and has shared useful information in terms of how we can support ourselves and our young people with bereavement and grief. Her leaflet includes information about the possible psychological, emotional and behavioural issues associated with loss and approaches to supporting teenagers through these. Click [here](#) for the information.

I trust parents and guardians will understand why I am keeping this letter relatively brief but I wanted to share with parents and guardians one key notice below:

Year 7 parents' evening and early finish - 8th May 2024

Year 7 parents' evening will take place on Wednesday 8th May 2024. The evening will run from 2pm-7.30pm and will take place on site; Ms Loizou, Head of Year 7, will write to parents of Year 7 students with the full details on Monday.

School will close at 1.35pm for students in Years 7-9 on Wednesday 8th May 2024 and 1.25pm for students in Year 10. Students in Years 11-13 will have lessons period 5 as usual and will be dismissed at 3pm as usual. Period 6 lessons will also run as usual. The Year 10 parents' evening next week follows our usual format and is a normal school day.

I would like to wish the whole school community a restful weekend.

Yours sincerely



Gareth Davies
Headteacher