

26th March 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians

As we approach the end of another busy term, I would like to thank all members of our community for your continued support. The Spring Term will finish on Friday 27th March 2026, and all students will be dismissed at 12pm.

I was disappointed that our lessons were interrupted last Thursday afternoon by a rare, unscheduled fire alarm evacuation. However, I would like to commend the vast majority of students for the calm and responsible way they conducted themselves; visitors present at the time were impressed by how 1,300 students vacated the building in well under five minutes. Unfortunately, the evacuation was caused by reckless behaviour that has resulted in high-level sanctions.

During all year group assemblies last week, I emphasised how proud I am to lead our diverse and inclusive community. I spoke about the real sense of belonging that exists here, while reinforcing that this belonging carries core responsibilities that we must uphold.

Public examinations

The upcoming term will be dominated by public examinations for our Year 11 and Year 13 students, and I would like to highlight how impressive students in both year groups have been in their attitudes. I would also like to acknowledge that the lead-up to examinations can be a challenging time for parents/guardians in terms of how best to support their children as they prepare for this period. Should you require any support or guidance regarding this, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school using the office@ruisliphigh.org.uk email address.

Last week also saw students in Years 10–13 who sat component examinations in Sport and Health & Social Care receive their latest unit results. The impressive grades they achieved are testament to the hard work and dedication of both the students and staff.

Month of the Military Child

April marks the Month of the Military Child, a time dedicated to celebrating the resilience and unique contributions of children from Armed Forces families. As the nearest secondary school to RAF Northolt, we have always been very proud of our close relationship with the base and the number of our students who come from families of UK Armed Forces service personnel.

To recognise our Service children, our community will host a variety of activities including themed tutorials, displays, and open forums for students to share their personal experiences. In line with these celebrations, we are pleased to welcome the borough's dedicated Stronger Schools Officers, Hannah Dent and Bernard Boyle. As advocates for Service families, Hannah and Bernard work to ensure consistent, high-quality support across local schools. They will join us on Tuesday 21st April 2026 to deliver a special assembly for Year 8, followed by a coffee morning from 9:15am to 10:30am. This session is open to all Service families, who will be sent an invitation.

Punctuality

As we look forward to the Summer Term, we remain committed to ensuring our students understand the importance of arriving on time. The start of the school day is vital for receiving key information and preparing for the day ahead. To better support this, we are updating our lateness procedure following the Easter break.

Students arriving after 8:30am will no longer receive an after-school detention; instead, they will attend a 25-minute lunchtime detention. Upon arriving late to school, students will be required to hand in their mobile

phones at the front office, where they will be kept securely until the end of their detention. We have carefully timed these sessions to ensure that students still have time to eat, use the facilities, and prepare for their afternoon lessons. Please be aware that persistent lateness will lead to further escalated sanctions and parental meetings. I would again like to thank you for your continued partnership in ensuring your child arrives on time and ready to learn.

Friends of Ruislip High School update

The Friends of Ruislip High School have kindly donated one Easter hamper per year group. All students are eligible to "hop away" with this hamper by attending school every day. For each day students attend, their name will be entered into the raffle. The winners will be announced on Friday 27th March 2026; the winning students must be present on the final day of term. Details of the initiative can be found [here](#).

Vaccinations update

I am sure that parents and carers share our concerns about the recent cases of invasive meningococcal disease in the Canterbury area of Kent. The outbreak response is focused on antibiotics for close contacts and those who attended Club Chemistry between 5th and 7th March 2026. There will also now be targeted local vaccination programmes in Kent, as per the information in the press release - Cases of invasive meningococcal disease notified in Kent - GOV.UK.

We wish to convey the message from the London Borough of Hillingdon that there is currently no action that schools and early years settings in London are being asked to take. The Hillingdon School Nursing Team has, however, put together some useful information on teenage vaccinations and where to get them.





Childhood Immunisations



It's important that vaccines are given on time for the best protection, but if you or your child missed a vaccine, contact your GP to catch up. You can also contact Vaccination UK who provide all the school-aged immunisations in Hillingdon and surrounding boroughs. All school-aged immunisations are normally given in school. Vaccination UK also run catch-up clinics, you can book onto a catch-up clinic if you think your child may have missed having a vaccine in school.

<p>HPV The HPV vaccine helps protect against human papillomavirus (HPV). It's recommended for children aged 12 to 13 years old and people at higher risk from HPV. Normally given in year 8.</p>	<p>Td/IPV vaccine (3-in-1 teenage booster) The Td/IPV vaccine (also called the 3-in-1 teenage booster) helps protect against tetanus, diphtheria and polio. It's recommended for children in school year 9.</p>	<p>MenACWY The MenACWY vaccine helps protect against life-threatening illnesses like meningitis and sepsis. It's offered to teenagers in school but can be given up to the age of 25 if it's been missed. Normally given in year 9.</p>	<p>Meningitis can spread very quickly in places like universities and colleges. Make sure all your vaccinations are up to date before starting university or college, including the MenACWY vaccine and both doses of the MMR vaccine.</p>
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Vaccination UK
Website: [Vaccination UK](http://VaccinationUK.com) | [School Vaccinations](http://SchoolVaccinations.com) & [Newborn Vaccinations](http://NewbornVaccinations.com)
Email: schools@vaccinationuk.co.uk
Tel: 01462 416 644

Speak with your GP if you think you or your child needs the MMR.

Further information on meningococcal disease is also available from:

- The NHS: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/meningitis/>
- [What is meningitis? Symptoms, risks and how to protect yourself – UK Health Security Agency](#)

Road Safety outside schools

The local authority road safety team has asked me to appeal to parents following a continued increase in complaints and concerns relating to road safety outside schools, particularly at drop-off and pick-up times. The majority of these issues relate to parent and carer driving and parking behaviour, including unsafe manoeuvres, inconsiderate parking and obstruction of pavements and crossings.

Whilst I am aware that the vast majority of our students live within a mile of the school and travel to and from the site on foot, I would also appeal to parents/guardians not to use the entrance to the staff car park as a turning circle and to not enter the front staff car park at peak times. Both of these actions lead to congestion on Sidmouth Drive and make it more challenging for students to cross what is a busy road. The local authority has also asked me to share this [School Drop-Off and Pick-Up Safety information guide](#). This document reinforces key road safety messages, legal requirements and practical steps that everyone can take to help create a safer environment outside the school gates.

Trust update

At Ruislip High School, we are very proud to be part of Vanguard Learning Trust as a cross-phase family of schools. I share [here](#) the termly update from Dr Lecky, CEO of our Trust, in which she highlights what a busy term it has been for all our schools.

I am delighted that on 1st April 2026, Oak Farm Primary School will be formally joining Vanguard Learning Trust, and I believe strongly that a sixth school will further strengthen our commitment to outstanding, inclusive education.

Finally, as we come to the end of another term, I wish all members of the Ruislip High School community a lovely Easter and I look forward to welcoming the students back on Monday 13th April 2026.

Yours sincerely



Gareth Davies
Headteacher

Key dates for next half term

- Monday 13th April 2026: Summer term begins
- Thursday 16th April 2026: Year 8 parents' evening - 4pm - 7pm
- Monday 20th April - Friday 24th April 2026: Equality week
- Tuesday 21st April 2026: Friends of Ruislip High School meeting - 5:30pm - 6:30pm
- Tuesday 21st April - Friday 24th April 2026: Years 7, 8 & 9 STEM workshops
- Thursday 23rd April 2026: Year 7 parents' evening
- Friday 24th April 2026: Year 8 HPV vaccinations
- Monday 27th April 2026: Year 13 post-18 information and advice evening - 5pm - 6pm
- Saturday 2nd May - Monday 4th May 2026: Duke of Edinburgh - Silver practice expedition
- Monday 4th May 2026: May Day - Bank holiday
- Tuesday 5th May - Friday 8th May 2026: Deaf awareness week
- Tuesday 5th May 2026: Parent Voice meeting (in person) - 6pm - 7pm
- Monday 11th May - Friday 15th May 2026: Mental health awareness week
- Monday 11th May - Friday 15th May 2026: Thank you week
- Friday 22nd May 2026: Half term ends
- Saturday 23rd May 2026: Duke of Edinburgh - Bronze practice expedition