

26th May 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians

I am writing at the end of another busy half term at the school and, as you will see from the key dates at the end of this update, next half term will be just as action-packed. Over the past two weeks in particular, students in examination year groups have been working on their external examinations, including GCSEs, A Levels and vocational qualifications. Students have been impressive in terms of their behaviour during examinations and their attitudes to learning during lessons and revision sessions and I know there are students attending revision sessions over the half-term break. After half term there are a number of celebration events for students in Years 11 and 13 and we look forward to celebrating the end of the examination period with them at celebration assemblies and their proms.

Uniform

I would like to remind parents and guardians that students are expected to wear full school uniform every day. Please click [here](#) for a letter regarding uniform from Mrs Coltman, Deputy Headteacher. As the sun has finally made an appearance, I would also like to remind parents and guardians that, should there be high temperatures over a number of days, I will change to summer uniform, including for Sixth Form students. Should this be the case, I will inform students and parents/guardians.

Public transport & the end of the school day

I have written previously about the importance of students behaving appropriately on public transport and it saddens me to receive emails from members of the community who witness poor behaviour by our students. I would urge parents/guardians to discuss with your child whether it would be appropriate for your child to walk home, particularly during the warmer months.

I have also been concerned regarding the presence of students from other schools at the end of the school day on a small number of occasions this half term. I work closely with local headteachers and our safer schools police officers to make it clear that children from neighbouring schools do not mix at the end of the school day. I am exceptionally proud of the calm and orderly way our students leave the site, and Ruislip High School staff patrol the West End Road shops and bus stops in order to ensure students disperse quickly. I have made it clear to all our students that members of staff should not be put in the position of having to approach students who they don't know and that there have been rare examples when young people from other institutions have come to the vicinity of the school and behaved in an anti-social fashion.

With the half term break approaching, I would like to remind everyone of the importance of staying safe in the local community. Please follow this link to find [information from the Metropolitan Police about staying safe and street crime](#) and further guidance below for you to discuss with your child.

Year 7 parents' evening and early finish for Year 7-10 students - 14th June 2023

I would like to remind families that Year 7 parents' evening will take place in person on Wednesday 14th June 2023. In order to allow teachers, many of whom teach multiple Year 7 classes, to meet with as many parents and guardians as possible during the evening, the school will close for students after period 4 on that date. Students in

Years 9 and 10 will finish at 1.10pm, although they are able to buy lunch should they wish to do so, and students in Years 7 and 8 will finish at 1.45pm. Year 12 lessons will run as normal. Should parents/guardians require your child to stay until their usual finish time on that day, please email office@ruisliphigh.org.uk for the attention of your child's Head of Year.

Changes to break and lunch time for Year 9 and Year 10 students

After the half-term break, students in Year 9 will move to the second break and second lunch timetable, in order to enable all year groups to have more space during social times.

The Year 9 start and end time will remain the same. Year 9 will move to the restaurant area, Year 10 will continue to have their lunch in the atrium, whilst Year 11 will move to the cuboid.

The Year 9 timetable from Monday 5th June 2023 will therefore run as follows:

Year 9	
Tutor	08:25
Period 1	08:50
Period 2	09:50
Break	10:50
Period 3	11:10
Period 4	12:10
Lunch	13:10
Period 5	13:45
Leave at	14:45

Finally, I would like to wish all members of the school community a lovely half-term break. I recognise it has been somewhat of a fragmented half term with the additional bank holiday and the industrial action earlier in the term. As ever, our community has worked together and I would like to end the half term by thanking parents/guardians on behalf of the whole staff body, for their continued support in ensuring that Ruislip High School remains a great and safe place for all our stakeholders.

Yours sincerely



Gareth Davies
Headteacher

Key dates for next half term

- Monday 5th June 2023: Half term begins
- Monday 12th June 2023 - Tuesday 13th June 2023: Year 10 progressive masculinity workshop
- Tuesday 13th June 2023: Parent Voice meeting - 6pm - 7pm
- Wednesday 14th June 2023: Year 7 parents' evening and early finish
- Friday 16th June 2023: Year 11 final celebration assembly - 3:15pm - 4pm
- Saturday 17th June 2023 - Sunday 18th June 2023: Duke of Edinburgh assessed Bronze expedition
- Sunday 18th June 2023 - Wednesday 21st June 2023: Year 12 Geography trip
- Monday 19th June 2023 - Friday 23rd June 2023: Equality week
- Monday 19th June 2023 - Friday 23rd June 2023: RAG week
- Wednesday 21st June 2023: Cultural day
- Monday 26th June 2023 - Friday 30th June 2023: Year 12 PPEs
- Wednesday 28th June 2023: Year 8 trip to RAF Northolt
- Wednesday 28th June 2023: Summer arts evening - 4:30pm - 6:30pm
- Thursday 29th June 2023: Year 13 leavers' assembly - 11am - 12pm
- Thursday 29th June 2023: Year 11 prom - 7pm - 11pm
- Thursday 29th June 2023: Year 13 prom - 7pm - 11pm
- Friday 30th June 2023 - Sunday 2nd July 2023: Duke of Edinburgh assessed silver expedition
- Monday 3rd July 2023 - Friday 7th July 2023: Activities week
- Tuesday 4th July 2023 - Saturday 8th July 2023: Duke of Edinburgh pre-assessed/assessed Gold expedition
- Tuesday 4th July 2023: Sports day
- Tuesday 4th July 2023: Year 6 transition day
- Thursday 6th July 2023 - Saturday 8th July 2023: Year 7 Paris trip
- Friday 7th July 2023: University of Surrey trip
- Monday 10th July 2023 - Friday 14th July 2023: Year 12 work experience week
- Monday 10th July 2023 - Friday 14th July 2023: Year 8 technology workshops
- Wednesday 12th July 2023: Sixth form induction day
- Friday 14th July 2023: Reward trip
- Monday 17th July 2023 - Tuesday 18th July 2023: Year 9 technology workshops
- Wednesday 19th July 2023: Term ends - All students will be dismissed at 12:10pm
- Friday 21st July 2023 - Wednesday 2nd August 2023: South Africa trip