

2nd February 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians

I wrote to parents/guardians in January 2024 to share our Ofsted report and I am pleased to share that this has now been added to the Ofsted website (click [here](#)). Our local MP, Steve Tuckwell, wrote to congratulate the entire school community following the news of our judgement (click [here](#)) and I had the pleasure of showing him around the school yesterday. Steve Tuckwell was a governor at the school for many years and his children attended Ruislip High School previously and therefore he knows the school well and he was impressed at seeing the school in action yesterday afternoon.

### **Year 11 parents' evening and preparation for summer examinations**

Last night saw Year 11 pre-public examination (PPE) results and parents' evening. Whilst COVID no longer dominates the news, last night did serve as a reminder of the ongoing impact as it was the year group's first in-person parents' evening. I was delighted to see that over 95% of the year group attended and received their PPE results before meeting their subject teachers. I would like to thank Mr Sills, Head of Year 11, and the staff who organised the event, and the Year 11 students and families for their support.

At parents' evening, the comprehensive programme of intervention and support was shared with students and parents/guardians. Year 11 students will be sitting PPEs in the core subjects of English, maths and science in the week commencing 11th March 2024 and we look forward to seeing the students' hard work lead to their success. I am pleased to share with parents the Making the Grade booklet (click [here](#)) which contains subject-specific revision material and support for students; this has also been shared with students via Google Classroom.

### **Winter reward trip**

The winter reward trip is taking place as I write, with nearly 500 students qualifying for the trip to the cinema to see either Wish or Wonka. The fact that almost half the school qualifies for this trip is testament to the vast majority of our students doing the right thing on a daily basis. It was lovely to see the students arriving in non-uniform this morning and they were clearly very excited to set off this afternoon. I was frustrated when the cinema contacted us earlier this week to let us know that the lift was out of order and therefore students who would require use of the lift are unable to attend. Inclusivity is at the heart of our school and, whilst this is out of our control, I have shared our feelings with the cinema who I know are looking to compensate families affected.

### **Year 8 parents' evening - Thursday 8th February 2024 - early finish**

Year 8 parents' evening takes place in person on Thursday 8th February 2024 and appointments should be made via school cloud. The parents' evening starts at 2.30pm to accommodate as many parents/guardians as possible, due to the number of teachers who teach multiple classes of Year 8 students. Due to this, there is an early finish for students. Students in Years 10-11 will be dismissed at 1.25pm on Thursday 8th February 2023 and students in Years 7-9 will be dismissed at 1.35pm. The majority of Year 12 and Year 13 lessons will take place as usual during both period 5 and period 6: students will be told in class and through assembly, and notified via Google Classroom, where lessons are not able to take place due to the parents' evening.

Finally, I am pleased to share a letter from Margaret Mizen (click [here](#)) which I received this week thanking Ruislip High School for arranging Jumpers for Jimmy and raising £557.55 for The Mizen Foundation. As parents/guardians are aware, we work closely with the Mizen family who share their message of forgiveness, peace and hope. I would like to wish all of our school community a weekend of peace and, with the Six Nations starting, I know mine will be one of hope.

Yours sincerely



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