

30th June 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians

This has been an exciting week at Ruislip High School with a number of events taking place. On Wednesday 28th June 2023 a group of our governors, including a member of the Vanguard Learning Trust, spent the morning at Ruislip High School where they visited lessons and met with groups of students. Their feedback was overwhelmingly positive and they were unanimous in stressing how respectful our students are and how engaging they found the lessons.

Year 11 and Year 13 prom

Last night was both the Year 11 prom and the Year 13 prom, and it was wonderful to see students and parents outside school yesterday evening where students gathered for pre-prom photos. It was particularly poignant for Year 13 students who missed out on a Year 11 prom due to COVID restrictions and who had attended their final assembly yesterday afternoon. Students in both year groups behaved impeccably and I would like to thank all staff involved, particularly Mr Peacock and Mr Amos for the organisation of the Year 13 prom, and Mr Sills, Mr Gibbs and Mrs Carstens for the organisation of the Year 11 prom.

Summer arts evening

The summer arts evening took place on Wednesday 28th June 2023 and it was a real celebration of the arts at school. The quality of the artwork was impressive and the musical and drama performances were terrific. The evening culminated with an excellent adaptation of Shakespeare's *Macbeth* and it was wonderful to see the students perform in front of an audience of students, staff and parents, making it a genuine Ruislip High School community event. I would like to thank Ms Ohana, Mr Randall, Ms Nastou, Miss Hill and Miss Garner for organising the event, and again congratulate the students who took part.

A range of trips

There have been a range of trips this week including the Learning Support Faculty trip to the Harry Potter Studios, the Year 8 trip to RAF Northolt and the Year 9 Young Green Britain Challenge trip to the House of Lords. I am privileged to lead a school where staff are prepared to go above and beyond to enrich the experiences of our students and I am sure parents and guardians echo my thanks to staff for all of the above events, particularly given that this is the week before our annual activities week.

I would also like to share with parents and guardians the list of residential trips proposed for next academic year (click [here](#)). More information will be shared for each specific trip and I trust parents/guardians find it helpful to have the information in order to plan ahead.

Activities Week

Next week is our activities week and I would like to remind parents/guardians that the usual curriculum is suspended as students engage in a range of trips and experiences. Please see below for the full information about the week, and please click [here](#) for a reminder of the letter sent last week regarding the changes due to the proposed industrial action.

	Monday 3rd July	Tuesday 4th July	Wednesday 5th July	Thursday 6th July	Friday 7th July
Year 7	Careers Day	Sports Day	Not in school due to industrial action	Paris trip Animal day	Paris trip Enterprise day
Year 8	Careers Day	Sports Day	Enterprise day	Places of Worship	Not in school due to industrial action
Year 9	Careers Day	Sports Day	Not in school due to industrial action	Enterprise day	RAF Hendon
Year 10 (see trip letters)	Careers Day	Sports Day Geography trip	Geography trip Digital Literacy	Up the O2 Theatre trip Woburn Safari Park	Not in school due to industrial action
Year 12	Careers Day	Talk the Talk	Study room available to students	Post-18 Options	University of Surrey trip

Local roads

I would like to remind parents/guardians who collect their child by car to please be courteous and avoid parking on pavements or blocking our local roads at drop off and pick up times.

Finally, I was delighted to watch, along with all of Year 10, as Zayn, 10W, destroyed the field in his 100 metre heat at the English Schools' Track & Field Championships in Birmingham this morning, running a very impressive 11.04 into a significant headwind. It was particularly great to hear his year group cheering him on remotely as the competition was beamed into RHS via youtube. Zayn now progresses to the final tomorrow afternoon at 3pm and I know the whole community will be supporting him.

Yours sincerely



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