

31st March 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians

I am writing this update having just been involved in the Sixth Form Head Student interviews, and meeting the shortlisted candidates, who were all impressive, has summed up this term for me, as one where our sense of community has shone through. We have had a number of exciting events this term, including last week's Year 7 and 8 Spring Festival, the Trust Year 7 Spelling Bee, Languages Week and the first Trust Sustainability Week. Details of the Trust events can be found in the Trust newsletter (click [here](#)) and Trust special edition newsletter for Sustainability Week (click [here](#)). I am particularly pleased to share the recipients of the Trust student awards this term. Students received their reward for demonstrating the Trust's value of community and the winners at Ruislip High School are Laylah for KS3, Anastasia for KS4 and Rory for KS5. Further details of the school events can be found in our Spring newsletter which will be shared with parents and guardians in due course.

### Safeguarding

This week has been the school's annual safeguarding week which has seen a range of visitors deliver what are often very powerful messages to students. Parents/guardians may be aware that there was an incident in the community which involved our students earlier this week. Thankfully they are all not seriously hurt, but it highlights how important it is that we educate our students in how to keep themselves safe.

### Examinations

I was delighted to see the outstanding vocational qualification results last week and I am sure students in Enterprise and Marketing; Sport; Health and Social Care; and Travel and Tourism are rightly proud of their successes.

This term students in Year 11 completed pre-public examinations (PPEs) in core subjects and this week students in Year 10 have completed a range of PPEs, and students in Year 9 have completed their Citizenship PPE. Students have conducted themselves in accordance with our examination procedures and have clearly worked hard in preparation for their examinations.

The external examinations will begin in May 2023 and Ofqual has published a student guide (click [here](#)) to support students through this summer's exams. It includes the contingency dates that students must be available for in case an exam cannot take place nationally and needs to be moved. As a reminder, these are: 8 and 15 June (afternoons) and 28 June.

### Easter revision

There are a number of Easter revision sessions happening over the next two weeks and details of these have been shared with parents/guardians. I am grateful to staff who are giving time during their holidays to support students in the build up to their examinations. Please note that staff will be registering students at these sessions but will not be contacting home for any students who do not attend and I would therefore urge parents/guardians to check with your child which sessions they are attending.

### Key dates for next half term

- Monday 17th April 2023: Summer term begins
- Friday 21st April 2023: Year 12 science trip
- Saturday 29th April - Monday 1st May 2023: Duke of Edinburgh - Silver pre-assessed expedition
- Monday 1st May 2023: May Day - Bank holiday
- Monday 8th May 2023: King's Coronation - Bank holiday
- Thursday 11th May 2023: Year 9 STEM trip
- Monday 15th May - Friday 19th May 2023: Mental Health Awareness week
- Saturday 20th May - Sunday 21st May 2023: Duke of Edinburgh - Bronze pre-assessed expedition
- Wednesday 24th May 2023: Year 12 Reading University trip
- Friday 26th May 2023: Last day of half term

Finally, I would like to wish all members of our community a restful Easter break. I have had the pleasure of speaking to all year groups in their celebration assemblies this week, and the holiday is certainly well deserved. I look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 17th April 2023.

Yours sincerely



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