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Dear Parents/Guardians

As we approach the final two weeks of term, I wanted to again thank parents/guardians for their continued support. It has been another exceptionally busy week at the school, with the highlight for me being our Sixth Form induction event. This saw over 150 students join Mr Sills, Head of Sixth Form, and his team for what was an exceptionally productive day. I always describe the Ruislip High School experience as a seven-year journey from Year 7 to Year 13, and I was delighted that many of our Year 11 students look set to return to our thriving and successful Sixth Form community.

Next week's temperatures

I have at times this half term felt as much like an amateur meteorologist as I have a headteacher. Looking at the forecast for the week ahead, although it does look like we are in for another sustained period of warm weather, as it currently stands, it does not look like the temperatures will return to the high 30s as they did last week. With this in mind, I have made the decision that we will remain in our summer uniform (usual school uniform but with no blazer or tie, and top button undone) for the whole of next week. Should the temperatures look set to rise further, I will look at whether or not we move to PE kit later in the week. The only exception to this is for Year 10 students who are on a trip into Central London. As I anticipate temperatures on the Central line will be hotter, Mr Cahill, Head of Year 10, has already communicated that PE kit can be worn on this trip.

The Men's Football World Cup

I recognise that there is a degree of national excitement building around England's continued presence in the football World Cup, as the men's team aim to emulate some of the recent success of the Lionesses. I fully recognise the importance of football to our national psyche and do share the frustration that I know many of our students feel regarding the kick-off timings caused by the tournament's time zone.

However, the 1:00 am timing of Monday morning's England game unfortunately does not align with the demands of the school week, and I would strongly urge students not to attempt to stay up. I would also emphasise to parents and students the importance of attendance and punctuality in ensuring long-term academic success. The final weeks of the summer term continue to be vital periods of learning, and consistency in routine matters enormously as we approach the last two weeks of term.

Therefore, all students are expected to attend school at the usual time on Monday morning and we ask for your support in ensuring your child arrives refreshed and ready for their working day. The school will be open at the usual time and lateness or absences as a result of staying up to watch the match will not be authorised. The school will also not be in a position to authorise any refunds for the Year 10 trip that is booked with an outside supplier. I would stress that I have not reached the above decision alone and have sought the views and considerations of other local headteachers, who have also come to the same decision.

I do recognise that football is not the only sport taking place at the moment, with the Wimbledon Tennis Tournament in full swing as well as Rugby's Nations Championship set to begin. I also wanted to spare a thought for those members of our school community who are not interested in sport in general, as I suspect this may be a challenging weekend!

More seriously, I would again like to thank all parents/guardians for their continued support. I have welcomed a number of external visitors into school over the past couple of weeks and what has shone through in the feedback I have received is how impressive our students are; that is without doubt a credit to our school community and to you all as parents and guardians.

Friends Summer Raffle tickets

Finally, I have been asked to share with the community that the Friends of Ruislip High School's Summer raffle tickets are on sale on ParentPay until the end of the day on Monday 6th July. They cost £1 a ticket and there are some impressive prizes on offer. The top prizes this year include: A £100 Argos voucher, M&S Luxury Hamper, Espresso Machine & Bluetooth Speakers. The Friends do an outstanding job raising money that is ploughed straight back into school and this year has included buying one of the brand new trampolines our students have access to. The friends also do a great job selling school uniform and as we approach the summer holidays, I would like to appeal for any unwanted uniform to be donated to the school. They are particularly short of uniform for the younger years. Should parents/guardians wish to donate any uniform, please could I ask that it is handed to the main school reception. As mentioned above, all money raised by the 'Friends' is invested directly back into the school to benefit all of our students.

I would like to wish the whole Ruislip High community a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Yours sincerely



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