

5th November 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians

It has been a real pleasure this week to welcome students back to school following the half-term break. I have been particularly impressed by the standard of behaviour and how students have adapted to the increased control measures that I implemented at the end of last half term following a rise in COVID-19 cases amongst our school community. Unfortunately, this week has seen several members of our school community test positive for COVID-19. Whilst I appreciate that families may find this concerning, please be reassured that we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England. Following our weekly review of our COVID measures, I have decided that we will maintain the wearing of face coverings for next week and again I would like to thank staff and students for the mature and responsible way they have adapted to this important control measure.

### Vaccinations update

As I am sure parents/guardians are aware, the School Aged Immunisation Service (SAIS) team attended Ruislip High School prior to half-term to issue COVID-19 vaccinations. Unfortunately, due to staff absence in the NHS and limited numbers of vaccines available, the team was not able to vaccinate all of the students for whom we had received consent. The SAIS and the North West London Clinical Commissioning Team have agreed to attend Ruislip High School again on Tuesday 9th November 2021 and have informed me that they should have more vaccines available than on their previous visit. Should parents/guardians have **not** previously given consent for your child to have the vaccine but would like them to, please click [here](#) in order to give online consent by 9am on Monday 8th November 2021. I appreciate that a number of children may have been vaccinated at other sites over the half-term break and no longer need the vaccine at school. Should you have previously given consent for your child to receive the vaccine but they have been vaccinated at a **different** site, please could I ask you to acknowledge this [here](#). This is to ensure that no vaccines are wasted. Should parents/guardians have any questions regarding vaccinations, please contact the School Aged Immunisation Service (SAIS). The contacts for Hillingdon are: Helen Davis ([helendavis1@nhs.net](mailto:helendavis1@nhs.net)) and Pat Stephens ([patriciastephens@nhs.net](mailto:patriciastephens@nhs.net)).

### Sixth Form Open Evening (Wednesday 17th November 2021)

We are incredibly proud of our brand new state-of-the-art sixth form centre and I am conscious that the majority of parents have not had the opportunity to set foot in the new building yet. However, my first priority has to be the safeguarding of the school community and, as our Sixth Form Open Evening event typically sees hundreds of visitors, it does not feel wise to run the event as usual given the high rates of COVID-19 in our community.

I am currently working with the sixth form team to host an event for our Year 11 students immediately after school on Wednesday 17th November 2021 which will allow students the opportunity to walk around the new building and attend taster sessions from the wide range of curriculum choices available in the Ruislip High School Sixth Form. Ms Horton, Assistant Headteacher, and I will host a webinar for parents/guardians at 6pm on Wednesday 17th November 2021 to provide information regarding the Sixth Form experience at Ruislip High School. I will write specifically to parents/guardians of Year 11 students next week with more information on this event.

### Changes to calendar

In order to accommodate the adjusted Sixth Form Open Evening, there will be no tutor time for Year 10 students on Wednesday 17th November 2021; students will be dismissed at 2.45pm.

There will also be no late start on Thursday 18th November 2021; students in Years 7-9 should arrive by 8.25am and students in Years 10-13 by 8.50am as usual on the day.

### Building temperature

The new half term has also brought the first spell of cold weather of the autumn and I am sorry that we have had some problems with the school heating systems. These problems are associated with our new building and the connected circulation routes. I would like to thank students and staff for their patience as we have addressed these issues, particularly with regard to the new building. I would like to reassure families that the issues are very temporary and the heating in the new building is working as it should be today.

Finally, I am sure many families will be attending fireworks displays over the weekend and I would like to wish the entire school community a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Yours sincerely



Gareth Davies  
Headteacher