

5th September 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians

I would like to welcome all of our school community back to a new school year. I hope that all of our families had a good summer, and despite the distinctly autumnal weather, it has been a delight to welcome back students and staff after the summer break. I would particularly like to welcome our new Year 7 students and families, and those joining us in the Sixth Form for the first time. I would also like to congratulate, once again, our students who received examination results last month. As I shared with students during assembly this week, students at Ruislip High School again attained excellent grades and I am sure their achievements will inspire and encourage our current students. Please click [here](#) for more information about the results and other 'good news' stories from the summer.

It was a particularly busy summer period at the school, and we were delighted to welcome over 100 new Year 7 students last week as part of our summer school. The students enjoyed taking part in lessons and activities to support their transition to secondary school. The summer also saw significant improvements made to the school's IT infrastructure, and although the project work was a great success, we have suffered a number of glitches that have been frustrating at the start of term. The most serious of these is the issue we have been having with our cashless catering system. Unfortunately, the issue is linked to a third-party supplier, which I understand has also affected other local schools. At the time of writing, I have been assured that the main issue has been identified and should be resolved by the end of the day. I would like to reassure parents/guardians that we are doing everything possible to expedite a solution, and should any problems remain next week, I will write on Monday with an update.

I am also aware that there were a small number of timetabling issues that have needed resolving in the first couple of days of term. I am confident that these have now been rectified, but should you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school via the office email, [office@ruisliphigh.com](mailto:office@ruisliphigh.com), marking concerns for the attention of Mr Noble, Deputy Headteacher.

### Parent Voice

As long as I have been headteacher of the school I have always been fortunate to have a strong Parent Voice group who have met with me and a fellow member of the senior leadership team to discuss issues affecting the school community. The group has given me a strong parental perspective regarding prospective new policies we are working on and how certain policies and procedures are implemented across the school. Members are clear that it is not a forum to discuss individual students, but is a place where parents can set the agenda. Our hybrid meeting structure includes both on-site and remote meetings, and the schedule for the 2025-2026 academic year can be found [here](#). Should parents wish to join the group, please contact Ms Beasley, PA to the Headteacher, via the school office email: [office@ruisliphigh.com](mailto:office@ruisliphigh.com).

### Thank you

Ruislip High School has always been a school both in, and for, the community and I am very proud of the work staff and students do to raise money for charity and support local good causes. Over the summer, I received the attached thank you letter from the secretary of the South Harrow Foodbank, and I thought it appropriate to share it [here](#).

### Term dates correction

Please note there has been a change to the school's term dates for the 2025-2026 academic year. An Occasional Day was mistakenly listed for Monday 1st December 2025. This was an error, and the Occasional Day of Monday 23rd November 2026, should have been added to the term dates for the 2026-2027 academic year. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. If you have already made plans for this date, please contact me directly via the school office email at [office@ruisliphigh.org.uk](mailto:office@ruisliphigh.org.uk).

### School office opening times

The school office has slightly adjusted its Friday opening hours. While we will remain open from 8am to 4:30pm Monday through Thursday, the office will now close at 4pm on Fridays. Thank you for your understanding.

### Arbor and communications

I would like to remind parents/guardians that school communication, academic reports, behaviour incidents and reporting of student absence is accessed through Arbor, the school's management information system. It is encouraging that 94% of families are currently using the application. Please can you ensure that you have enabled notifications from the application on your mobile device. If you encounter any issues with accessing your Arbor account, please contact the school via the office via email: [office@ruisliphigh.org.uk](mailto:office@ruisliphigh.org.uk). A step-by-step guide on how to install the app can be found ([here](#)). Prior to using the Arbor app on a mobile phone, parents/guardians must first log into Ruislip High School's Arbor parent portal ([here](#)) and select 'first time logging in'.

### Uniform

I have received numerous compliments from new teaching staff and members of the public regarding how smart and impressive our students looked on their return to school. I believe strongly that first impressions are important, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents/guardians for their ongoing support in maintaining our high expectations with regard to school uniform. Should you have any concerns regarding uniform, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Stoodley via the office email: [office@ruisliphigh.org.uk](mailto:office@ruisliphigh.org.uk). Alternatively, click [here](#) for our uniform booklet.

### Open Evening Thursday 25th September 2025 and late start Friday 26th September 2025

Our Year 6 Open Evening will take place on Thursday 25th September 2025. Further information will be sent out in the coming weeks. However, I want to emphasise to parents that there will be a late start on Friday 26th September 2025; students must arrive at school by 11:10am. Should you require your child to arrive at the usual time on Friday 26th September 2025, please contact your child's Head of Year via the main school office.

### Prime Minister's letter to parents and carers

I have been asked by the Department for Education to share a letter from the Prime Minister with all of our community. The letter can be found [here](#), and although it largely concerns childcare considerations regarding younger children, I wanted to distribute this important information to as wide a network as possible. Where I would wholeheartedly agree with the Prime Minister is that it is education that is the key to providing a better

future for our young people and I am proud of the way the Ruislip High School community works together to encourage our young people to 'reach for the sky'.

I would like to wish all members of the school community a peaceful weekend. It has been a really positive first week, and I look forward to welcoming our students back on Monday.

Yours sincerely



Gareth Davies  
Headteacher