

8th December 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians

As parents and guardians are aware, I received a call from Ofsted on Monday 4th December 2023 and we were inspected by five members of the inspectorate on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. I would like to thank parents and guardians for your support during the inspection and give particular thanks to those parents and guardians who completed the Ofsted parental survey. Students were, as always, a credit to themselves, to their families and to the school, both in terms of their conduct and for how they engaged with the inspection process. The report is likely to be published towards the end of January 2024 and I will of course update parents and guardians with the outcome and share the report.

### Attendance December 2023

I am delighted to share with families our attendance initiative to promote strong attendance right until the end of term. As students and parents/guardians will be aware we carry on with teaching and learning right until the last day of term so it is vitally important that students attend to the last day. This year we are launching our '12 days of Christmas' attendance initiative. Students have been notified of this in tutorial and are aware that they will receive a digital raffle ticket for every day that they attend school for the final 12 days of the term. Students who attend every day from Wednesday 6th December 2023 will be entered into the raffle 12 times and therefore have a better chance of winning. On the final day of term, Thursday 21st December, a raffle will take place with one student from each year group winning a Christmas hamper for them and their family.

### Food Bank donations

With the help from the Friends of Ruislip High School, we are collecting food and other items for the local Hillingdon food banks. The Hillingdon food bank supports over 1,000 households a month in Hillingdon, which equates to 42 families receiving support every day. They are currently trying to gather items that will allow them to build Christmas hampers for families in need of support. Please click [here](#) for a list of the items that would be particularly welcomed.

Each tutor group will design their food bank donation box and there will be a prize for the winning tutor group following the collection of the food bank donations. Students should bring their items to tutorial each day and the Hillingdon food bank will be collecting Ruislip High School donations on Wednesday 20th December 2023.

### Consultation on sixth form admissions arrangements

Ruislip High School is formally consulting on proposed changes to the sixth form admissions arrangements for September 2025 entry.

Summary of proposed changes:

- Adding Music A Level to our list of courses
- Entry requirements for Economics have been adapted due to previous exam data
- The PAN for external students has been lowered from 20 to 0

Please click [here](#) for the sixth form admissions policy. If you would like to give your feedback on Ruislip High School's proposed sixth form admission arrangements, please submit your written feedback to Mrs Keohane, Admissions Officer: [admissions@ruisliphigh.org.uk](mailto:admissions@ruisliphigh.org.uk) by 12pm on Monday 15th January 2024.

### Christmas events

I felt very festive as I judged this year's Christmas card competition, particularly as the standard of entries was impressive. I am pleased to share that the Christmas card winners this year are Iza (9S), Diyan (7A) and Karuna (7B). Please click [here](#) to see the winning entries.

I wrote last week about our Christmas events which take place on the last week of term, including our performance of 'Little Women' on Tuesday 19th December 2023 and our Christmas concert on Wednesday 20th December 2023. Tickets are available for both events via ParentPay.

On Tuesday 19th December 2023 we also have our community Christmas event for guests aged 55 and over. The purpose of this event is for our Sixth Form students to serve members of the local community and our guests enjoy a Christmas style buffet followed by watching 'Little Women'. I would like to invite any eligible relatives in our school community to this free event; please email [office@ruisliphigh.org.uk](mailto:office@ruisliphigh.org.uk) if you or a family member would like to attend.

I will write to parents and guardians again in the final week of term and, until then, I would like to again thank all members of the school community for the support during the Ofsted inspection this week, and wish you all a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely



Gareth Davies  
Headteacher