

8th March 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians

It has been another busy week at Ruislip High School. Last night was Year 12 parents' evening and it was fantastic to see the vast majority of Year 12 students and families in attendance. Last week also saw Year 9 options evening which I wrote about in last week's parent bulletin and I know Year 9 students are carefully considering their option preferences. I would like to remind parents and guardians that the options booklet and further information are available on our website (click [here](#)).

### Languages Week

This week has seen the return of our annual Languages Week and it has been an excellent celebration of the different cultures and languages that are an integral part of Ruislip High School. Ms Matias, Curriculum Leader for MFL, and her team ensured there were a variety of activities and events celebrating languages including a speaker from Arsenal Football Club; plays in both French and Spanish; and cinema experiences showing films in French and Spanish. The highlights of the week was undoubtedly the Year 9 Languages breakfast, where students were immersed in languages as they ordered their continental breakfasts in either French or Spanish from our student language champions. The MFL department from Vyners School visited us during the course of the week and I am delighted that there are plans for next year's Languages Week to be a Trust-wide event.

### Punctuality

I would like to remind parents and guardians that all students should be on site before 8.30am in order to be in their tutor rooms and ready to learn at 8.30am. Students who arrive after 8.30am must sign in at reception and will receive a sanction in line with our behaviour policy (click [here](#)). After Easter, students who arrive late to school after 9.30am for unauthorised reasons will be issued with a 60 minute detention on that day by their Head of Year. This will be communicated to parents/guardians via ClassCharts. I trust parents/guardians appreciate that students must arrive on time so that we can safeguard students and to avoid students missing valuable learning time.

### Year 10 and Year 11 PPEs

I would like to remind parents and guardians that students in Years 10 and 11 are undertaking pre-public examinations (PPEs) over the coming weeks. Students in Year 11 will sit PPEs for the core subjects of English, Maths and Science next week (11th-14th March 2024). The timetable can be found [here](#) and I am pleased to share the 'Making the Grade' booklet for Year 11 again [here](#).

Year 10 PPEs will take place next week (18th-22nd March 2024). The revision resources to help students prepare fully for these assessments at home and the timetable can be found [here](#).

Students who arrive late on the morning that they have a PPE will sit the exam after school on the same day; please note this may mean your child sitting an examination of up to one hour and 45 minutes after school. Should this be the case, parents/guardians will be notified via ClassCharts.

## Fire drill

We ran our scheduled fire drill on Tuesday 5th March 2024 and the students were impeccably behaved. I had invited staff from across our Trust to visit and observe our fire drill because of the impressive nature in which students ensure the building is evacuated and they are safely lined up outside.

## World Book Day - Thursday 7th March 2024

This year's World Book Day took place yesterday and saw the return of 'Follow The Story' where students tracked a story throughout the entire day by reading a section of a short story within the first ten minutes of all of their lessons, meaning they read an entire story by the end of the day. Teachers were incredibly excited to deliver this within their lessons as it meant all departments and subjects within the school were involved with World Book Day.

Students also participated in the 'Masked Reader' tutorial again this year, where tutor groups watched a video of mysterious characters reading and attempted to guess the member of staff involved. All staff in the school were excited to deliver this fantastic day of reading to our students.

## Student Leadership

Following a very competitive set of Student Leadership Team applications (where almost a third of Year 12 students applied for a position), the 2024-2025 Student Leadership Team has now been selected. We are delighted to announce that the team will be led by Alexia Samoila (Head Student), Anastasia Vynnyk (Deputy Head Student) and Luke Murphy (Deputy Head Student). The Student Leadership Team's responsibilities will include mentoring younger students, supporting at school events and developing charitable initiatives in the school, amongst other things. Given the high calibre of applications and the range of fantastic students on the team, we have no doubt that the team of 2024-2025 will do a brilliant job.

Finally, The Friends of Ruislip High School also met this week and the meeting was well attended by our parent team, who are currently busy planning a range of ways to enhance our school community, including planning a staff/parent community event which is due to take place on Friday 12th June 2024. More information will be shared shortly but please save the date for what I'm sure will be an excellent evening.

Yours sincerely



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