

16th July 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians

As we reach the end of another academic year at Ruislip High School, I would like to start by thanking parents and guardians for all of your support over the past year. I have been attending the year group celebration assemblies over the past week, and it has been a perfect way to end the term. I am also pleased to share with parents/guardians the summer issue of our newsletter [here](#).

Summer results days

I am looking forward to celebrating the success of our students who have sat external examinations this year in August, with results for A Levels and Level 3 vocational qualifications on Thursday 13th August 2026, and for GCSEs and Level 2 vocational qualifications on Thursday 20th August 2026. Parents/guardians have received separate letters regarding the arrangements for collecting examination results from Mr Sills, Head of Sixth Form.

Click [here](#) for the A Level results day letter.

Click [here](#) for the GCSE results day letter

Changes to staffing

At the end of this academic year, we are saying goodbye to a small number of staff who are leaving Ruislip High School for new opportunities. A particular strength of the school, considering our location in the west of London, is just how long staff remain here. At our end-of-term staff gathering yesterday, I was delighted to celebrate two members of staff members who have served the school for over 20 years, and four members of staff who have served the school for over 15 years, qualifying for our Trust-wide long service awards. Professional development is also a key mantra of the school, and I believe our students benefit from our staff continuing to stretch and challenge themselves as practitioners.

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 have 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 2026-2027 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.

Two weeks in to win - September 2026 Attendance Challenge

At Ruislip High School, we believe that a strong start leads to a successful year, and high attendance is the cornerstone of that academic journey. Students who attend regularly are naturally more engaged in their lessons, build stronger relationships with peers and teachers, and position themselves to reach their full potential. To kickstart these positive habits, we are launching our new “[Two Weeks in to Win](#)” Attendance Challenge (formerly “8 to be Great”). Any student who achieves 100% attendance for the first two full weeks of term, up to

Friday 18th September 2026, will enjoy a delicious treat and be entered into a prize draw for a £50 restaurant gift card. With one winner guaranteed for every year group, there's never been a better time to show up and shine.

Mobile phone policy

I would like to begin by thanking everyone who took the time to provide feedback via our Google Form during the consultation period for our revised mobile phone policy. Your insights have been invaluable as we work together to ensure the best possible environment for our young people. Following this feedback, and reflecting the overwhelmingly positive impact of our current approach with Year 7, all students in Years 7, 8, and 9 will no longer be permitted to bring smartphones into school, effective from September 2026.

Our primary goal is to foster a focused, safe learning environment and protect our students' wellbeing from the well-documented pressures of social media. We are grateful for your continued partnership and support as we take this important step forward for our school community.

Free school meals - A reminder to all parents/guardians

Free School Meals are changing from September 2026. We strongly recommend all parents/guardians take a few minutes to check their eligibility for the 2026/2027 school year if you have not already done so. Even if your child currently receives Free School Meals, their entitlement will not automatically continue under the new rules, meaning many families will need to reapply to ensure lunch arrangements are in place before the new term begins. Successful applications can save you up to £500 per child each year and provide your child with a nutritious meal that supports their health, wellbeing, and concentration during lessons. Please check your eligibility and apply as soon as possible [here](#) to ensure everything is in place for September.

Train to teach with Ruislip High School and Teach West London from September 2027

Ruislip High School has a strong partnership with Teach West London which has provided a route for some of our very best practitioners to enter the profession over recent years. Whether you are a graduate, teaching assistant, parent returning to work or considering a career change, Teach West London offers high-quality, school-based teacher training with expert support throughout your journey. If you or someone you know, has the potential to become an outstanding teacher, Teach West London would love to hear from you. Find out more by calling **020 3301 3180**, emailing ITT@teachwestlondon.org.uk.

Personal safety Information

As we embark upon the summer break, I am writing to share two important safeguarding updates provided by our local Police Community Sergeant, Allyson Easton.

The first of these is an invitation to a series of free webinars designed specifically for parents and carers living or attending school in Ealing, Hillingdon, or Hounslow. These online workshops aim to help families recognise the risks facing young people today, spot key warning signs, and access practical support. The first session, focusing on Child Criminal Exploitation and Grooming, will take place on Wednesday 29th July 2026, followed by a second session on Serious Youth Violence and Knife Crime on Wednesday 26th August 2026. You can find more details and register for these webinars using the QR codes on [this](#) poster.

Alongside this, Sergeant Easton has shared a guide, click [here](#), regarding personal safety on public transport. As our young people begin to travel more independently over the summer holidays and following a small rise in

reported incidents on the local transit network, we want to ensure our families feel equipped to have important safety conversations at home. The attached letter offers practical advice for students on staying aware of their surroundings and knowing what to do if they ever feel unsafe.

Great British summer savings

From 25th June 2026 to 1st September 2026, the government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom.

As part of this campaign, they have launched an attraction finder website which allows families to type in their postcode and find participating venues near them to make the most of summer savings. To use the attraction finder, please click [here](#).

Vaccination Catch up sessions

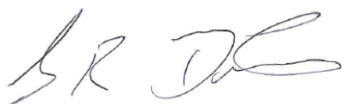
The London Borough of Hillingdon has shared these flyers containing important information on how to catch up if your child has missed any of their routine vaccinations. Please click [here](#) for the HPV flyer, and click [here](#) for the DTP and MenACWY Booster flyer to find out more about the upcoming catch-up sessions.

New Year 7 start of term information

To help our new Year 7 students enjoy a smooth transition into secondary school, we are operating a staggered start to the new term. On Friday 4th September 2026, only Year 7, Sixth Form, and Year 11 students will be in school. Year 7 and Sixth Form students will run on a normal school day, starting at 8:30am and finishing at 3pm. Year 11 students will also start on Friday 4th September 2026, but with a later arrival time of 11:05am, finishing at the normal time of 3pm. All other students in Years 8, 9, and 10 will begin their term after the weekend on Monday 7th September 2026. From Monday 7th onward, the entire school will be back together and operating on the usual daily schedule of 8:30am to 3pm. Please click [here](#) to view the detailed information on our website regarding our return to school in September.

Finally, I would like to again thank the parent community for their unwavering support which means so much to me and the Ruislip High School staff. I wish all members of the Ruislip High School community a lovely summer and I look forward to welcoming the students back in September.

Yours sincerely



Gareth Davies
Headteacher

Key dates for next half term

Friday 4th September 2026: Year 7 and Sixth Form students will run on a normal day 8:30am - 3pm

Friday 4th September 2026: Year 11 students to arrive at 11:05am and finish at 3pm

Monday 7th September 2026: Normal school day for all students

Tuesday 8th September 2026: School photos

Thursday 17th September 2026: Success in the sixth form evening - 5pm - 6pm

Friday 18th September 2026: Year 7 team building day

Monday 21st September 2026: Year 11 geography trip to London

Thursday 24th September 2026: Year 6 open evening - 4:30pm - 7pm

Friday 25th September 2026: School starts at 11:25am

Tuesday 29th September 2026: Parent voice meeting (in person) - 6pm - 7pm

Thursday 1st October 2026 - Friday 30th October 2026: Black history month

Tuesday 6th October 2026: Year 10 Jack Petchey speak out challenge

Tuesday 6th October 2026: Year 11/13 drama trip to the Globe Theatre

Thursday 8th October 2026: Year 10 Jack Petchey speak out challenge

Monday 12th October 2026 - Friday 16th October 2026: Safeguarding week

Tuesday 13th October 2026: Year 11 London history trip

Wednesday 14th October 2026: VLT maths challenge

Wednesday 14th October 2026: Flu vaccinations

Thursday 15th October 2026: Year 11 London history trip

Thursday 15th October 2026: Flu vaccinations

Thursday 15th October 2026: Year 7 tutor evening - 4:30pm - 7pm

Friday 23rd October 2026: Barcelona trip leaves

Friday 23rd October 2026: Half term ends

Monday 26th October 2026: Barcelona trip returns