

22nd September 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians

**Re: Welcome to Year 10**

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome you and your child back into Ruislip High School and Year 10 after what I hope was a lovely summer. I know already that this is going to be an exciting year full of opportunities and I wanted to provide for you a place with key dates, expectations for the year and other important information.

Year 10 is a very important year in your child's education. As they enter Key Stage 4 and work towards their successful future, students will learn how to study for the coursework and examination elements of their subjects. I am pleased to share with you the link (click [here](#)) to the Year 10 curriculum for the 2023/24 academic year which includes details of how students are assessed in each subject and how parents/guardians can support their child's learning outside of the classroom.

My expectations for the year group this year are unchanged: all students try their best, even when facing challenges; respect each other and all members of the school community; enjoy learning and taking on new opportunities beyond the classroom.

It is even more important this year that students keep the dialogue open with us if they feel under pressure as we want to support all our students on their journey to their first set of exams.

The Year 10 team will be working closely with students to ensure that they settle into a good routine again, especially regarding punctuality and homework and enjoy their time with us. I have sent a separate message regarding homework and the new set up for Study Club referrals, and I am grateful that parents/guardians are supportive if your child is referred to Study Club

To get the best out of every opportunity, students need to be here to take them. Attendance is very important to us at Ruislip High School. Of course, if a student is genuinely too ill to be in school, we want them to stay at home to rest and recover. However, it is important to recognise that we may not feel our best all of the time but students should strive to have the self-discipline and resilience to ensure that they are in school and learning. We expect students to have an attendance record of at least 95% across the year because every lesson missed is a GCSE lesson missed about a topic that could end up in their exam paper.

If, for any reason, your child is unable to attend school, we ask that you send a message on ClassCharts each day that they are absent so that we are able to authorise their absence. You will be contacted regularly by your child's form tutor to offer you support if their attendance falls.

At Ruislip High School we like to reward students who embody the school values. We run two reward trips every year which students are always keen to go on. The criteria for the trips are: minimum 95% attendance, fewer than five warnings, and no higher-level sanctions. It is a very selective trip but I know Year 10 will all do their best to be eligible for both reward trips.

It is vital that families and Ruislip High School work together in partnership: we are always happy to work with you for the best of the student. Form tutors or subject teachers are usually the first port of call if you have a question

or a concern that you want to raise and I am also available to discuss any pastoral issues faced by your child. The best way to contact a member of staff is to call the main office or send an email to [office@ruisliphigh.org.uk](mailto:office@ruisliphigh.org.uk) with the member of staff's name in the subject line.

We run a number of events across the academic year and will send more information about individual events throughout the year. I have included some key events for Year 10 and dates below so that you can get them into your calendars early.

Year 6 Open Evening (Year 10 tour Guides Volunteers only) - Thursday 28th September 2023

Year 10 Theatre Trip - Monday 2nd October 2023

Year 10 BTEC Sport Filming - Thursday 19th October 2023

Year 10 BIMA Digital Day - Wednesday 8th November 2023

Winter Reward Trip - Friday 2nd February 2024

Year 10 Art PPE - Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd February 2024

Year 10 PPEs - Monday 18th to Friday 22nd March 2024

Year 10 BTEC Sport Filming - Wednesday 27th March 2024

Year 10 Parents' Evening - Thursday 2nd May 2023

Year 10 Citizenship Examination - Tuesday 21st May and Monday 3rd June 2024

French Trip - Friday 24th - Monday 27th May

Summer Reward Trip - Friday 12th July 2024

I am excited about what this year will bring. Students should be ready for the new and exciting challenges ahead and together we will support them to take on their first steps at KS4 with confidence, happiness and perseverance.

Yours sincerely



Miss Lucas  
Head of Year 10