

2nd September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a restful summer break. I am delighted to be continuing with the year group as they move into Year 10, and I extend a special warm welcome to the families joining our Ruislip High School community for the first time.

Key Information to Know

- **New Reward Challenge:** Every student with 100% attendance for the first two weeks (up to **Friday 18th September 2026**) wins a treat and a chance to win a **£50 restaurant gift card**.
- **The Year 10 Focus & First GCSE Exam:** Year 10 marks the official start of all GCSE courses. Crucially, students will also **sit their very first GCSE examination in Citizenship** this school year.
- **The Big Goal:** Aim for an attendance rate **above 95%**. This doubles your child's chances of passing GCSE Maths and English.
- **Termly Updates:** You will receive an attendance summary at the end of each term so we can work together to support your child.
- **Appointments:** Please try to schedule appointments outside of school hours. Missing morning registration or Period 4 counts as an absence and drops their overall percentage.

Why Attendance Matters

Year 10 is one of the most significant years in your child's secondary education. Because they are starting their exam courses and sitting their Citizenship GCSE this year, every single lesson counts. Strong attendance from the very outset helps students develop the knowledge, skills, and confidence needed for success, as even occasional absences significantly impact their final outcomes.

Working Together

This year, we are strengthening our partnership with families by introducing a more family-centred approach to attendance. At the end of each term, you will receive a summary of your child's attendance, along with guidance and support where needed to help maintain or improve it.

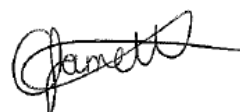
Ensuring your child attends school is a legal requirement, but our absolute priority is to support your family in overcoming any barriers to making that happen.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to help your child navigate the exciting challenges ahead and achieve their very best.

Yours sincerely



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