

17th September 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians

Re: Year 10 Key Information

As we start the new academic year, it gives me great pleasure to extend a warm welcome to you and your child as they start Year 10 after a long restful break. I am excited to be working alongside you and your child as they embark on a year filled with new opportunities, challenges, and growth.

This academic year is a very important time in your child's education. They now enter Key Stage 4 and work towards their successful future through completing coursework and learning how to study for the examination elements of their subjects. I am pleased to share with you the link [click here](#) to the Year 10 curriculum for the 2024/25 academic year. This 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. We will continue to emphasise our core values of Respect, Unity, Integrity, Self-discipline, Learning, Inspiration and Perseverance, ensuring that students are not only academically successful but also kind, responsible citizens.

In order to achieve this it is vital that we continue focus on the following:

- Maintaining good attendance and punctuality
- Continuing the excellent standards of school uniform
- Ensuring homework is completed and handed in on time
- Maintaining good communication between school and home
- Benefitting from the wide range of activities from our Above & Beyond Clubs

As a reminder, I would like to mention that your child's first port of call in school is their form tutor. Year 10 will be supported by a fantastic team of tutors, listed below, as well as myself (Mr Joseph) as Head of Year, and Mr Tibbey as Assistant Head of Year. The best way to contact a member of staff is to call the main office or send an email to office@ruisliphigh.org.uk with the member of staff's name in the subject line.

10A	Ms Ohana	10F	Mr J Tibbey
10B	Mrs G Coffey	10S	Miss C Walkinshaw
10C	Miss R Forde	10W	Mrs M Niedzielska
10D	Ms McGuigan		

Attendance is vital in Year 10, as any missed days result in gaps in your child's learning in their GCSE/BTEC subjects and the additional task of catching up on missed work. Ensuring attendance at school is a parent/guardian's legal

obligation and we are keen to support parents with this, not least because of the huge amount of national data that proves the correlation between good attendance and academic progress.

Study Club will run on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school from 3pm-4pm. This is dedicated time for students to catch up on any missed homework or coursework. It is also a supervised study space with visits from subject specialists to support students and is open to all Year 10 students who wish to attend.

At Ruislip High School we like to reward students who embody the school values and 'get it right'. 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.

We are looking forward to an exciting academic year with lots of trips and activities with lots to look forward to.

Important dates this year:

- Friday 27th September 2024: Late start 11:25am after Open Evening
- Tuesday 1st October : Black History Month
- Monday 11th November - Friday 15th November : Environmental Sustainability Week
- Monday 11th November - Friday 15th November: Anti-Bullying Week
- Tuesday 12th November : Year 10 Theatre Trip
- Wednesday 20th November: GCSE Music Trip Royal Festival Hall
- Thursday 28th and Friday 29th November: Inset Days
- Monday 3rd February : LGBTQ+ history month
- Thursday 29th February : Year 9 Options Evening
- Friday 14th February - Monday 17th February : Berlin Trip
- Monday 24th February : Year 10 Art PPE (pre-public examinations)
- Wednesday 26th February : Year 10 Textiles PPE
- Monday 24th March - Friday 28th March : Year 10 PPEs
- Thursday 1st May : Year 10 Parents Evening
- Monday 23rd June : Year 10 Geography Trip

Please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely



Mr Joseph
Head of Year 10