

22nd September 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians

**Re: Year 11 Update**

I hope you and your families had a restful summer break. It has been brilliant to welcome the students back for the new academic year, and Year 11 have made an impressive start to what will be an important year in their school careers.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the year group on a fantastic set of GCSE Citizenship results. The experience of preparing for, and sitting, a public examination in Year 10 will have helped the students as they begin the final year of their GCSE courses.

A reminder that your child's first port of call in school is their form tutor. Year 11 will be supported by a fantastic team of tutors, listed below, as well as myself (Mr Sills) as Head of Year, and Miss Vora as Assistant Head of Year.

<b>11A</b>	Miss Jones	<b>11F</b>	Miss Vora
<b>11B</b>	Miss Harkin Bullen	<b>11S</b>	Mr Ladhani
<b>11C</b>	Ms White	<b>11W</b>	Ms Matias
<b>11D</b>	Miss Jani		

The students have returned to school looking very smart and we will continue to have high expectations for uniform and appearance this year. The importance of attending school each day, and on time, has been made very clear to students in assemblies and in their morning tutorials, and I would like to thank you for your ongoing support with attendance. Particularly in Year 11 it is vital that students attend all their lessons, as every hour of learning that is missed is important content for their summer exams.

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 and is open to all Year 11 students who wish to attend. Subject teachers will make referrals to Study Club via ClassCharts, so please look out for any notifications each week from school. To help you support your child with their studies this year, please read the Year 11 Curriculum Map [here](#) which outlines what the students will be studying each term, how they will be assessed and what they can do outside of lessons to support their learning. Further revision material will be shared with students through Google Classroom throughout the year.

At Ruislip High School we are keen to reward students for 'getting it right', and I am pleased to confirm we will be offering eligible students the opportunity to attend a reward trip at the end of the autumn term. More details will follow, but I wanted to highlight the criteria students need to meet in order to be invited. Students must have above 90% attendance, fewer than five negative points on ClassCharts and no higher-level sanctions (including after-school detentions, internal exclusions and fixed term suspensions). I hope to be able to invite the vast majority of Year 11 to the winter reward trip this year.

A reminder of some key dates for this term:

Friday 29th September 2023: Late start after Open Evening: 11:25am start  
Tuesday 4th October 2023 and Wednesday 5th October 2023: Year 11 History trip  
Monday 9th October 2023 - Friday 13th October 2023: Safeguarding week  
Monday 9th - Friday 20th October: Year 11 assessment fortnight  
Monday 23rd October 2023 - Friday 27th October 2023: Half term  
Thursday 2nd November and Friday 3rd November: Year 11 Art PPE  
Monday 13th November - Friday 17th November: Anti-Bullying Week  
Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th November: Inset Days  
Monday 4th December - Wednesday 13th December: Year 11 PPEs  
Thursday 21st December: Term ends

Finally, some other important dates for your diary;

Thursday 1st February: Year 11 Parents' Evening

Thursday 9th May - Wednesday 26th June 2024: GCSE examination season

Thursday 27th June 2024: Year 11 Prom at Denham Grove Hotel

I look forward to working with you to support your child over the coming year. Please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office should you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely



Mr L Sills  
Head of Year 11