

16th September 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians

## Re: Year 11 Key Information

I hope you and your families had a restful summer break. I would like to use this letter by way of introducing myself as the Head of Year 11. I am really pleased to be taking over from Ms Lucas as your child's Head of Year, and it has been brilliant to welcome the students back to school for the start of Year 11. They have made an impressive start to what will be an important year in their school careers.

We are extremely proud of their efforts last year, and in particular the GCSE Citizenship results which were released in August. 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 Mr Rutter as Assistant Head of Year.

<b>11A</b>	Mr Ladhani	<b>11F</b>	Ms Bhudia
<b>11B</b>	Ms White	<b>11S</b>	Ms Nastou
<b>11C</b>	Mr Rutter	<b>11W</b>	Mr Warrington
<b>11D</b>	Ms McLoughlin		

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.

We will also be hosting a Year 11 'Preparing for Success' evening for all families and students on Tuesday 22nd October from 6-7pm. This evening will be an invaluable opportunity to find out the best way to support your child with their GCSE preparation and their transition to sixth form or other post-16 destinations. More information about this evening will be communicated in the coming weeks, but please make a note of this event in your diary.

At Ruislip High School we are keen to reward students for 'getting it right', and I am pleased to announce that I am currently planning a day trip to a London attraction for Year 11 at the end of this term, as a reward for their efforts in the PPE exams in December. More details will follow, and I hope to be able to invite all of Year 11 to this exciting

day trip. However, any student who has received a high level sanction, or whose attendance is of serious concern will not be invited to attend.

A reminder of some key dates for this term:

Friday 27th September 2024: Late start after Open Evening: 11:25am start  
Tuesday 8th October 2024 and Thursday 10th October 2024: Year 11 History trip  
Monday 14th October 2024 - Friday 17th October 2024: Safeguarding week  
Monday 7th - Friday 18th October 2024: Year 11 assessment fortnight  
Tuesday 22nd October 2024: Year 11 'Preparing for Success' evening, 6-7pm  
Monday 28th October 2024 - Friday 1st November 2024: Half term  
Tuesday 5th November and Wednesday 6th November 2024: Year 11 Art PPE  
Monday 11th November - Friday 15th November 2024: Anti-Bullying Week  
Thursday 21st November 2024: Presentation Evening  
Monday 25th November 2024: Year 11 Drama Theatre Trip  
Thursday 28th and Friday 29th November 2024: Inset Days  
Monday 2nd December - Wednesday 11th December: Year 11 PPEs (pre-public examinations)  
Thursday 20th December: Term ends at 12pm

Finally, some other important dates in 2025 for your diary:

Thursday 23rd January 2025: Year 11 Parents/Guardians Evening  
Thursday 1st May - Wednesday 25th June 2025: GCSE examination season  
Thursday 26th June 2025: Year 11 Prom at Denham Grove Hotel, Uxbridge

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