

23rd April 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians

**Re: Year 13 Leavers' and Post-18 Arrangements**

As the exam season approaches, I wanted to update you with the arrangements for Year 13 this term. I am sure you will agree with me that the current Year 13s have been an excellent year group. They have achieved a great deal and we are confident they will perform well in their examinations.

**Attendance arrangements**

Students are expected to attend tutor time up to and including Thursday 8th May, and are expected to attend their timetabled subject lessons up to and including Friday 23rd May. We try to maximise the amount of contact time that students have with their expert subject teachers, as evidence has shown us that this dramatically improves student outcomes. If students have an afternoon exam before 23rd May, they may take that morning's lessons as study leave.

After the May half term, students can attend school for their exams only, if they wish. Where they would have had lessons, teachers will still be available for one-to-one and small group drop-ins, if the exam for their subject/paper has not yet been sat. Teachers will notify their classes via Google Classroom if they would like the whole class to attend for a particular reason (eg. a whole-class revision session the day before their exam for that subject). Students may of course still use the study rooms and the support of the Learning Mentors at any time during the school day.

**Post-18 arrangements**

Students who applied for university should have confirmed their firm (preferred) and insurance (back up with a lower grade offer) university choices on UCAS track before the final UCAS decision cut off (Thursday 5th June 2025) in order to retain their offers.

Students who expressed an interest in applying for apprenticeships or gap year activities have received the following support over the course of the last year to help them find and apply for suitable apprenticeships or courses:

- Daily advice and support through the apprenticeships tutor group with Ms Bonny
- One-to-one discussions with Ms Bonny about apprenticeship options

Many students have applied for some superb apprenticeships. Once the main exam season starts on Monday 12th May, we will no longer be chasing students to come to see us to support them with post-18 applications. However, students have been made aware that they can of course come to see me, Mr Elsby, Ms Bonny or Ms Forde at any time in school for support with their applications.

In addition to this, we will be running a dedicated post-18 applications support day in the E3 study room all day on **Wednesday 25th June 2025** for any student who would like further support in applying for apprenticeships or planning their gap year after their exams finish. Students may drop in for all or part of this day.

### **Year 13 Leavers' Celebration – Thursday 26th June 2025, 11am in E201**

Students and their parents/guardians are invited to the Year 13 Leavers' Celebration on Thursday 26th June 2025. This involves joining the Leavers' Assembly from 11am-12pm in E201, followed by refreshments in the Sixth Form cafe. We hope that all students will be able to attend.

### **Year 13 Leavers' Ball - Thursday 26th June 2025, 7.30-11pm at The Grange country house**

Attendance at the Leavers' Ball is limited strictly to those who have purchased tickets. Students are reminded that the Leavers' Ball is an alcohol-free event, and that those who arrive intoxicated will not be allowed entry. Students who wish to follow the tradition of Leavers' Ball photos at the front of school before the Ball will be able to do so from 6.45pm onwards that evening. Students who have paid for a ticket must also have signed with their parents/guardians the online Leavers' Ball contract in advance in order to be permitted entry.

### **Returning textbooks**

At the start of Year 12, students will have been issued textbooks for most of their subjects. It is important that all books are returned so that A-level courses are properly resourced for students next year. Students should hand their textbooks to Mrs Austen in the LRC. This should be done as soon as possible after a student's final exam, and no later than the morning of Thursday 26th June 2025. Students will not be permitted to attend the leavers' celebration if they have not handed back their textbooks by the morning of Thursday 26th June. Following this deadline, the £40 textbook deposit will be returned on ParentPay for all students who have returned their textbooks. Any late textbook returns are likely to result in a delay in the return of the textbook deposit until after the summer holidays.

### **Results Day - Thursday 14th August 2025**

A-Level results day will take place on Thursday 14th August 2025, and full details of how the day will run will follow. Students are strongly advised to attend school in person to collect their results, as they will have a meeting with a member of staff who will advise them on their next steps based on their results. We will also have a dedicated team of staff in school that day to support students with any post-18 support they require, including help with finding university places in clearing for any students who have missed their university offers.

Should parents/guardians have any further questions about any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact me via [office@ruisliphigh.org.uk](mailto:office@ruisliphigh.org.uk).

Yours sincerely



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