

23rd May 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians

Re: Year 13 Leavers' and post-18 arrangements

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

Post-18 arrangements

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:

- 1:1 mentoring with their form tutor and a learning mentor (Ms Kwan or Ms Bonny)
- Half termly after school workshops
- Apprenticeship assemblies and guidance/resources on google classroom

Many students have applied for some superb apprenticeships. Now that we are well into the exam season, 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, Ms Kwan or Ms Bonny 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 **Monday 26th June** 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.

Attendance arrangements after half term

After 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.

Year 13 Leavers' Celebration – Thursday 29th June, 11am in the Sixth Form assembly hall (E201)

Students are invited to the Year 13 Leavers' Celebration on Thursday 29th June, 2022. This involves the Leavers' assembly from 11am-12pm, followed by refreshments in the Sixth Form cafe. We hope that all students will be able to attend.

Year 13 Prom - Thursday 29th June, 7.30-11pm at the GAA on West End Road

Attendance at Prom is limited strictly to those who have purchased tickets. Students are reminded that Prom is an alcohol free event, and that those who arrive intoxicated will not be allowed entry. Students who wish to follow the tradition of Prom photos at the front of school before Prom will be able to do so from 6pm onwards that evening.

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 Ms Kwan in the Sixth Form study room. This should be done as soon as possible after a student's final exam, and no later than the morning of Thursday 29th June. Students will not be permitted to attend the leavers' celebration if they have not handed back their textbooks by the morning of Thursday 29th 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 17th August

A-Level results day will take place on Thursday 17th August, 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 clearing for any students who have missed their university offers.

If you have any further questions about any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact me via office@ruisliphigh.org.uk.

Yours sincerely



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