

2nd September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a restful summer break. A warm welcome back to all our students, and a special welcome to the families joining our Ruislip High School community for the first time.

Key Information to Know

- **New Reward Challenge:** Every student with 100% attendance for the first two weeks (up to **Friday 18th September 2026**) wins a treat and a chance to win a **£50 restaurant gift card**.
- **The Year 8 Focus:** Nationally, Year 8 sees one of the biggest drops in attendance. We need your help to maintain the excellent habits built in Year 7.
- **The Big Goal:** Aim for an attendance rate **above 95%**. This doubles your child's chances of passing GCSE Maths and English.
- **Termly Updates:** You will receive an attendance summary at the end of each term so we can work together to support your child.
- **Appointments:** Please try to schedule appointments outside of school hours. Missing morning registration or Period 4 counts as an absence and drops their overall percentage.

Why Attendance Matters

Year 8 is a key year for developing the habits, resilience, and independence that lead to future success. Because attendance often drops during this year, it is vital we stay on top of it. Regular attendance helps students stay on track with their learning, as even occasional days of absence add up over time and significantly impact future GCSE results.

Working Together

This year, we are strengthening our partnership with families by introducing a more family-centred approach to attendance. At the end of each term, you will receive a summary of your child's attendance, along with guidance and support where needed to help maintain or improve it.

Ensuring your child attends school is a legal requirement, but our absolute priority is to support your family in overcoming any barriers to making that happen.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child build positive habits and achieve their very best.

Yours sincerely



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