

17th September 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians

## Re: Welcome to Year 8

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you back to Ruislip High School for the start of the new academic year following the summer holidays. I would like to use this letter as a way of introducing myself as the Head of Year 8. I am really pleased to be taking over from Ms Loizou as your child's Head of Year, and it has been brilliant to welcome the students back to school. Year 8 promises to be another exciting year in your child's journey at Ruislip High School and I am writing to provide you with key dates, expectations for the year and other important information.

Year 8 will be supported by a fantastic team of tutors, listed below, as well as myself (Miss Farrell) as Head of Year, and Ms Ahmed as Assistant Head of Year.

<b>8A</b>	Ms Rickards	<b>8F</b>	Ms Hill
<b>8B</b>	Ms Ahmed	<b>8S</b>	Ms Carr
<b>8C</b>	Ms Lawrence/Ms Austen (Wed)	<b>8W</b>	Mr Randall
<b>8D</b>	Mr McGuigan		

Year 8 marks the next step in your child's education journey, as they continue towards developing their skills and knowledge across all their subjects, as well as establishing good habits and routines so that your child has the solid foundations for the years to come. As a result, it is important that every student meets our expectations in order to reach their full potential. My expectations for the year group are:

- Students should aspire to achieve 100% attendance every week
- Make sure all students are punctual to school and lessons
- Take on new opportunities beyond the classroom

At Ruislip High School we have high expectations which all students need to abide by in order to reach their full potential. Students are expected to follow the school's behaviour policy and if this is not being followed students will be sanctioned accordingly; this could result in your child being out of circulation and therefore miss out on their education. All students should be wearing the correct uniform every day along with appropriate school shoes. This includes skirts being worn to the knee and not being rolled or tied at the back. Students are allowed to have one small stud in the bottom of each ear lobe; these should be a small plain silver or gold stud. No rings, bracelets or necklaces are permitted. Make-up, including colour in eyebrows, tinted/false eyelashes, tinted moisturiser, fake tan or concealer are not allowed.

Study Club will run on Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays after school from 3pm-4pm. This is dedicated time for students to catch up on any homework with support from class teachers. If you want your son/daughter to attend study club please complete the form attached [here](#). In order to help your child reach their potential please find the link attached [here](#) that outlines the curriculum for every subject in Year 8 and how your child will be assessed. A reminder of some key dates for this term:

Friday 27th September 2024: Late start after Open Evening: 11:25am start  
Monday 14th October 2024 - Friday 17th October 2024: Safeguarding week  
Monday 28th October 2024 - Friday 1st November 2024: Half term  
Monday 11th November - Friday 15th November 2024: Anti-Bullying Week  
Thursday 21st November 2024: Presentation Evening  
Thursday 28th and Friday 29th November 2024: Inset Days  
Thursday 20th December: Term ends at 12pm

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

Thursday 21st November 2024: Presentation Evening  
Thursday 5th December 2024: Year 8 Paris Trip Leaves  
Thursday 3rd April 2024: Year 8 Parents Evening 4.30pm-7pm

I am excited about what this year will bring as students continue their Ruislip High School journey and am delighted to be the Head of Year for such a fantastic group of students. Please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office should you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely



Miss Farrell  
Head of Year 8