

## PARENTAL COMMUNICATION – Friday 13 May 2022

### WHOLE SCHOOL

#### BUS STRIKE

There is going to be a bus strike affecting services in South London on Monday to Wednesday next week. This may affect punctuality to exams please consider alternative arrangements if necessary. <https://tfl.gov.uk/campaign/bus-strike>

Exam students must be at school by 8.30am.

#### PURCHASING SCHOOL UNIFORM

With effect from Thursday 12 May, school uniform will only be available to purchase through the Rutlish App. The collection day and point will remain the same, which is Wednesday lunchtime from the Finance Office.

#### PE FIXTURES – Week beginning Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May

##### MONDAY

**Cricket** - Year 8 away v Latymer / Year 9 home v Wimbledon College

##### TUESDAY

**Cricket** - Year 8A home v Wimbledon College / Year 8B away v Wimbledon College

##### WEDNESDAY

**Cricket** - Year 7 Home v Coombe Boys

**Tennis** - U15s away v Alleyns

##### THURSDAY

**Tennis** - U15s home v Ewell Castle

##### FRIDAY

**Cricket** - U15s – Southborough 6s

**Tennis** - U15s away v Kingsdale

#### BLUES & ROOTS ENSEMBLE

We've been offered the opportunity to take part in the Blues and Roots Ensemble, led by Ed Barber at Wimbledon High School every Tuesday 4.10pm-4.50pm. This is a real opportunity to get involved with Jazz and to take part in the weekly session. There will be a concert during the Summer Term. There is no cost for this but students must be willing to attend weekly. We have taken part before and it's been amazing.

Please complete the form below, as soon as possible, if you would like your child to be considered. Your child will need to be proficient on their instrument

[Blues & Roots Ensemble Form](#)

Blues and Roots Ensemble [Blues & Roots Ensemble \(bluesandrootsensemble.com\)](https://bluesandrootsensemble.com)



Many thanks  
Dawn Steele  
Lead Music

### **“BLACK AND GREAT: THE ESSENTIAL WORKPLACE TOOLKIT”**

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May, a group of year 10 students and staff, including Ms Howarth, attended a talk organised by Ursuline High School's Afro-Caribbean society. The society had invited students from Rutlish School, Ricards Lodge, Raynes Park, Wimbledon College, Coombe Girls and St Marks Academy to hear Rene Germain, author of “Black and Great” share her experiences of the challenges the black community face in the workplace. Germain spoke of stereotyping, imposter syndrome and intersectionality as a black woman in the workplace, and gave her top tips for building a personal brand. She then took questions from the audience about some of her biggest challenges and what she had learnt from those she interviewed for her book.

Rutlish students listened intently, asked engaging questions and then received a free copy of Germain's new book. “Black and Great” provides a guide for Black students ready to make their mark in the working world and beyond, giving honest and practical advice on carving their career whilst embracing their ethnicity. The book shares the career journeys of over 20 successful Black British professionals and entrepreneurs from TV & film, sport, media, law, medicine and finance through open letters and interviews, providing advice, support and encouragement to Black students and professionals starting out in their working lives. The book reveals the highs and lows, how they bounced back from failure, plus the best and worst advice they have received over the years. It was a privilege to hear Rene Germain speak with such humility, humour and integrity, and has left our students and staff feeling inspired and equipped to navigate some of the challenges faced in the workplace.

Ms Doherty  
Assistant Headteacher

## PTA

Our Year 8 BBQ preparations are underway and the PTA is looking forward to hosting this event for our Year 8 boys and their families.

Joining details for the event taking place on **Thursday, 26th May** will go out shortly, so please do make sure you have signed up to ClassList to be able to provide us with your RSVP's!

As always, the success of any PTA event is reliant upon the much-valued volunteers that make it all possible. Should you be able to provide support as a volunteer at the event, please get in touch with **Velia or Lynsey** either via **ClassList** or at [rutlishpta@gmail.com](mailto:rutlishpta@gmail.com).

Donations are now being taken for the raffle. Do get in touch via **ClassList** or the **PTA email address at [rutlishpta@gmail.com](mailto:rutlishpta@gmail.com)** and we can arrange collection.

With best regards

**Rutlish PTA**

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## **New borough-wide Merton Garden Streets Project, brought to you by Sustainable Merton with support from Merton Council (see attached flyer)**

We want to help residents plant up their streets with bee-friendly flowers and shrubs: in front gardens, under street trees, in window boxes, hanging baskets and on top of bike/bin sheds. Green streets help reduce urban flooding, keep us cool in hot months, filter pollution, benefit wildlife and improve our wellbeing.

We have three Community planting days planned for **21st May, 25th June and 16th July**. If any of your colleagues in Merton, would like to join in and register their road, please ask them to sign up using the following form link: <https://forms.gle/DJfZ7JDICWkPS4eH9>

If you want to know more about our project please visit our website page: <https://www.sustainablemerton.org/gardenstreets>

Thank you

Kind regards

**Danila Ardé**

*Merton Garden Streets Project Manager*

## YEAR 11

### **EXAMS BOOSTER SESSIONS**

Departments will be running booster sessions during Period 2 or Period 3 for afternoon exams. For morning exams, there are various support available e.g. revision sessions after school (the day before the exam) and booster sessions in the morning from 8:00 (earlier in some subject – students will be informed by their teachers). For Period 2 & 3 booster sessions, students should go to their usual classroom for that subject.

	<p><b>GCSE &amp; A LEVELS - Year 11</b>  GCSEs start next week and BTEC exams continue. Timetables can be found in notices on the Rutlish App or on the website.</p> <p>A reminder that students should continue to attend school as normal once exams start, arriving by 8.30am. Some afternoon exams may finish after the end of the normal school day, please refer to the timetables for the length of the exam.</p> <p>Mrs Anna Bowman  Exams Officer</p>
<p><b>YEAR 12</b></p>	<p><b>APPRENTICESHIP ASSEMBLY – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May (Period 5)</b>  This assembly has a variety and range of apprentices out there right now, where to find them, and how to apply. There will be clinics in the weeks after supporting any student who needs support.</p> <p>Ms Hyland  Head of RR6</p>
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