

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to say thank you and congratulate all our students for achieving so many successes during the year, many of which were highlighted in the Chair of Governors Annual Statement recently sent to you. There are some other successes from this year contained in this newsletter. Thank all parents and carers for your continued support.

The Rutlish staff have worked really hard to help students catch up on learning since the pandemic and have provided a wide range of additional enrichment and intervention to ensure our students reach their potential; thank you staff. Our Year 11 and Year 13 students completed their studies in May and embarked on a lengthy external examination season. I wish all these students the very best of luck with their results and look forward to celebrating with them on A Level/L3 BTEC results day (18 August) and GCSE/L2 BTEC results day (25 August). I also look forward to many of our Year 11 students enrolling at RR6.

Today, we say goodbye to some of members of staff who we have thanked for all their hard work this year. We have said a special farewell to long standing staff who are moving on to the next stage of their lives: Ms Sharma, Mr Hooper, Miss Bowden, Mrs Judd, Mr Ross, Ms Targuisti and Ms Pearce.

Thank you to the PTA, Combined Cadet Force, Old Rutlishians Association and our other local associations who work so closely with the school to give our students so many exciting opportunities and experiences. Lastly, thank you to our dedicated Governing Body who give the school so much time and support. It is a real privilege to be the Headteacher of such a successful school.

I hope all our students and families enjoy the summer break and I look forward to seeing you all in September.

Ms L Howarth  
Headteacher

### **SAFEGUARDING**

[Rutlish School - Safeguarding](#). If you have a concern about a young person during the summer break, please use the guidance on the safeguarding page of the school website. This contains emergency contact details and information to a variety of other providers who can give advice, guidance and support.

### **AUTUMN TERM RETURN DATES**

Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	INSET DAY
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Year 7 and Year 12 Induction Day
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	All year groups

## CAREERS CHALLENGE CHAMPIONS

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2022, Rutlish won the **National Careers Challenge** Finals in Birmingham. The win means that Rutlish Y8 team had beaten over 1,000 other students in over 30 schools across the country – an incredible achievement. Students from Y7, Y8 & Y9 attended and produced some wonderful initiatives. Both 7K and 8C advanced to the finals in their categories.

Following a series of successful careers days across the school, the winning groups of each day advanced to the finals in Birmingham where they competed against other schools across the country. Each group presented their initiatives and 8C blew the judges away with their gallant presentation on Elementals. 8C developed their Elementals idea in May: Elementals is a roller coaster ride designed to take you through different elements ie: Water - fish tanks and water falls; Forest – nature and model animals; Fire- volcanoes & lava; and then Ice - ice burgs and mountains. They incorporated this into their logo design and merchandise branding. In the weeks leading up to the Challenge, the teams were dedicated to practising and rehearsing their pitch, as well as perfecting designs. As the overall winner, 8C will receive tickets to Thorpe Park and a further opportunity to pitch Elementals again.

During the day, students were able to attend workshops, as well as having the opportunity to meet Nick Jenkis, founder of MoonPig, and Britains Got Talent 2022 Finalists, Flintz & T4ylor. Staff in attendance were incredibly supportive so I would like to thank Mr Price, Ms Davies, Mr Tucker and Mr Botchway. Finally, a huge congratulations to our competing students:

Thomas	Y7
Ed	Y7
Tom	Y7
Travis	Y7
Matthew	Y8
Mahdi	Y8
Rafeel	Y8
Freddie	Y8
Ollie	Y8
Matthew	Y8
Kyran	Y9
Yasin	Y9
Thomas	Y9
Alexander	Y9
Ali	Y9
Jakistan	Y9



## COMBINED CADET FORCE

The Combined Cadet Force has grown in number this year with over 60 new recruits. During the Easter Holidays, some of our RAF Seniors went on a weeklong camp at RAF Valley along with cadets from Mill Hill School and Merchants Crosby. The photo shows them standing in front of a Hawk T1 (the plane flown by the Red Arrows). During this trip the students got to see planes such as the Texan T1 and the Hawk T2 both in the Hangers and in the Air. They also got to speak to pilots flying the aircraft, currently training to fly fighter jets such as the Eurofighter Typhoon and the F-35 Lightning.

Ten of the Year 9-11 cadets were lucky enough to participate in a week-long residential visit at The Royal International Air Tattoo held in Fairford in July.



## DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Our students aspire to be the very best they can. Three Sixth Form students completed their Gold Duke of Edinburgh award and over 70 Year 10 students have begun their Bronze Award. Thank you to Mr Holt, Mr Cox and other staff for supporting these students to complete their awards.



## **CYCLING SCHEME**

The Rutlish /Sustrans Cycling Scheme will continue at Rutlish in September. Well done to all students who took part in the last workshops. Thanks to the generosity of the PTA and Rutlish Foundation, students will continue to hone their skills in bike maintenance, while adapting a more healthy life style. Students will also take part in a sponsored bike ride and develop their marketing skills. Confirmation letters will be sent to parents of those students who will take part in the new workshops. All bikes and other materials have been made available thanks to government grants and the Rutlish Foundation.

## **HOUSE COMPETITION**

Congratulations to Parthians for winning the House Shield this year. A huge well done to all competitors this year, and thank you to all those who organised competitions throughout the year!

Position	House Name	Final total
1	Parthians	5000
2	Spartans	4750
3	Kelts	4375
4	Carthaginians	3950
5	Trojans	3525
6	Argonauts	3325
7	Vikings	3200
8	Romans	2875

## **PTA**

Please see attached last PTA newsletter for 2021/2022.

## **Second Hand Collections**

The PTA are collecting second hand uniform and unwanted books. The second hand uniform will be cleaned and resold at school events. If you have any donations, please ensure they are suitable for resale and bagged. Donations should be brought to the Manor House by Friday 9th September 2022. All books are welcome - those unsuitable for secondary school will be donated to our local primary schools. Thank you

## **WANDSWORTH SUMMER CAMP**

Please see attached Flyer and Enrolment Form

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH / PRIDE / HOLOCAUST

We are proud of our sustained history, our multicultural intake and our inclusive philosophy, which enables all students to develop their character. We have updated the curriculum to raise equality awareness of the nine protected characteristics and have delivered a wide range of topics including Black History Month and Pride Month. We have created a gender and sexuality alliance group and provided British Sign Language lessons during RR6 enrichment. We were also very fortunate to host a visit from Eva Clarke, a holocaust survivor who talked to a group of year 9 students.

In May, some Year 10 students, Ms Graham, Ms Doherty and I were very fortunate to attend an event by Rene Germain who was launching her book 'Black and Great' at Ursuline High School and Wimbledon Bookfest. This presentation gave a real insight to young people from ethnic minorities about the challenges of entering the workforce. Ms Graham and Mr Davut accompanied our Y12 student representatives to the Merton ethnic minority youth forum.



## DIVERSITY WEEK

We enjoyed our Diversity week activities which included dressing in culturally linked dress:



## CHARITIES

At Rutlish, we encourage respect for others and as such, the students and staff are very conscious of local and national charities that need our support. During the year, we have raised money for a wide variety of causes including the following:



We continue to support Merton Local Actions Dons group by sending donations to the food banks



We also continue our link with Kew House residential care home, which students visit each December:



## WELLBEING

Our wellbeing provision for students continues to expand. This year we have engaged support from St Giles Trust, My Futures, Off the Record and Place2Be. We are very fortunate to be part of the Merton social worker in schools project where a social worker is on site to support students and families in need.

Mr Giles and other school safeguarding leads attended a meeting with Rt Hon Nadim Zahawi MP to feedback the success of this project. We are really pleased that the school is also supporting the development of mental health support for young people. Some of our Sixth Form students helped to design new features for the STEM app.



## DRAMA

Bugsy Malone will be back with a bang in the new academic year . Students should continue to learn their lines to Act 2.

## MUSIC

We are very fortunate to have excellent facilities for musical students who are encouraged to participate in a number of events and competitions. We were really proud of our two bands competing in the Wimbledon Battle of the Bands where our Year 7 band were winners of the event. Rutlish music students performed at the Wimbledon Tennis championships.

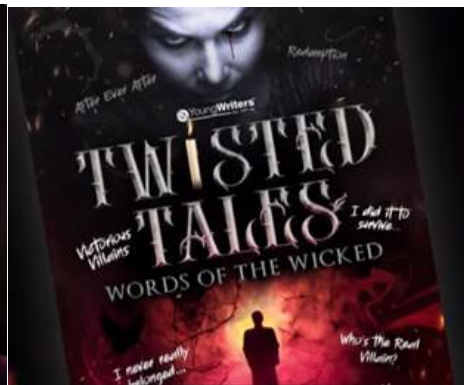


## ENGLISH



### *Twisted Tales - Creative writing competition*

- *Get your students buzzing about creative writing today with Twisted Tales!*
- *Can your students flip the narrative and write from the villain's point of view?*
- *A fantastic way to explore character perspectives and empathy through creative*
- *Details on Fronter Literacy on how to enter?*
- *Deadline for entry is 25<sup>th</sup> March*
- *Entries to go to Ms Jones in E N5*



## LITERACY

We are very pleased to have been able to run the first assessment of all KS3 students for the Scholastic Reading Pro programme. You can access your child's account via Rutlish365 where you will see a link to ParentZone. You can also watch a video which explains the programme and parent access: <https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/Reading-Pro-Training>. Students should have a reading book appropriate for their current reading level and should read as much as possible during the holidays. They can take the quizzes whenever they wants to/is able to access their account. Current Y7, 8 and 9 will be reassessed in the autumn term, and the new intake of Y7s will have their initial assessment.

Many thanks to students and their families for their enthusiasm and support for the various literacy competitions and activities we have run this year. We look forward to more next year!



## ENRICHMENT

The St Giles Trust completed a series of successful workshops at Rutlish. We are now recruiting for the new cohort who will benefit from one to one mentoring, support with confidence building, socialisation, interview techniques and communication. This fully funded project was well received and students have commented on the benefits of having a mentor embedded with whom they can communicate with when necessary. Students will also benefit from on-going work over the Summer.

The Rutlish Enrichment sessions have always provided students with an array of rich and diverse extracurricular activities every 2Wed p5. Students have enjoyed working in the community, while others enjoyed badminton, drama, basketball, debate club, history and politics club to name a few. This will continue in the new academic year with students given the opportunity to participate in three separate activities across each term. New clubs have been added this year including food/ food Tech and British Sign Language workshops.

## MUSIC

The Year 10 GCSE Group performed at Wimbledon High on 11<sup>th</sup> June 11th Ed Barbara and his Blues and Roots Ensemble. The students had the experience of working with professional Jazz musicians every week in rehearsal and the evening as packed with a very high standard of performances.



## SCIENCE – AI online learning platform

Congratulations from the Science department to the top 5 Century users this term

Name	Year	No of Qs completed
Deniz	8	1750
Kani	8	1652
Christopher	7	1308
Jaathavan	7	1108
Tafheem	7	987

We have seen this term that Century is having a really positive impact on those who use it regularly so keep up the hard work!