



# RUTLISH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to update you on school activities and Government updates. However, at the time of writing this schools are still waiting for confirmation on how Exams will be awarded from Ofqual and the DfE for which I am sorry.

I hope that you have found the Key Stage information useful. Ms Botha-Smith (KS3), Mr Gormally (KS4) and Ms Hyland (KS5) will continue to update you on learning and activities that your son can do each week. We will continue to put some learning activities on Fronter for students to complete. If your son does not have access to the internet, a computer, tablet or lap top please let us know so that we can post some activities to you. Teachers are continuing to develop resources in preparation for the start of next term.

Please could I ask you to monitor your son's internet activity and ensure that your privacy settings including webcams and audio controls are safe. Please use this link if you would like more advice:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/safety-tools-social-networks-and-other-online-services>.

We will not be setting any learning to complete during the Easter holiday so that students and staff can have a well deserved break.

We will continue to update our [website page](#) with home learning ideas, wellbeing and safeguarding guidance, please take time to look at these along with our [Rutlish School](#) and [Rutlish Sport](#) Twitter feeds.

The school will continue to remain open during the Easter holidays and next term for students who are vulnerable and whose parents are critical workers and cannot be safely cared for at home. We will continue to send information to you regarding these arrangements.

## Free School Meals

If you are eligible for free school meals, the Government voucher scheme is now in place. Please read the letter from Ms Doherty that explains we are organising this on your behalf.

We understand that there might be more families needing this support. If you think you might be eligible please complete the online form: <https://www.merton.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/free-school-meals>.



## Student achievements this half term

### Battle of the Bands

The Eclectrics , The Elastic Bands with Andrew from Year 9, The Chase and Otto accompanied by Emmanuel all competed in this year's Battle of the Bands hosted by Wimbledon High School in February. Some of these students were also interviewed by Radio 4. The evening showcased high quality music from Rutlish, Ricards, JAGS, Hampton School and Wimbledon High. Congratulations to all who took part.

### Maths Challenge

Congratulations to all students who entered the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge. In March, 67 students from Years 9, 10 and 11 took part in the challenge. Over half the students received certificates, with seven students achieving Gold, putting them in the top 5% of entrants nationally, 12 received Silver certificates, putting them in the top 15% and a further 15 received Bronze certificates (top 40%).

All the Gold students have qualified for the next round (the Pink or Grey Kangaroo). A special mention goes to Toby Brett who was in the top 600 entrants in his year and has qualified for the Hamilton Olympiad. Well done to all who took part. Names of all certificate holders are below:

#### Year 9

Bronze: Tobias Alexis, Yusef Shaff, Theo Jordon

Silver: Aryan Singh, Logan Sundaram

Gold: Joshua Hescot

#### Year 10

Bronze: Ryan Bajrami, Theo Richards, Richard Mclaughlin, Mert Ozsoy, Mathusan Selvarajah, Ian Gonsalves

Silver: Satnam Gugar, Murat Sayan, Shunyu Yao

Gold: Toby Brett, Veer Bissonauth

#### Year 11

Bronze: Jay Frith, Mike Michalski, Ilya Kogans, Michael Ntim, Rijon Dedushi, Patrick Amah

Silver: Ayush Sudra, Thomas Nurthen, Midusan Puventhirabala, Ibrahim Alkhashem, Riccardo Patalano, Dmitry Chaplin, Shanjai Uthayakumar

Gold: Alex Lam, Sammy Cooke, Barto Morawski, Raphael Bonnet

### Literacy

We celebrated the power of reading during World Book Day.



## Sport



Our sports teams continued their success by participating in a number of local and county Rugby 7s tournaments, football, badminton, volleyball, cricket and basketball fixtures. Congratulations to the U12 team who won the Merton basketball title.

We had a brilliant start to the cricket season where the U13s/U15s won the Merton title and qualified for the outer London playoffs.



Years 7-10 students participated in the National Junior Indoor Rowing championships at the Copper Box in early March.

The U15 Volleyball team represented Merton in the first round of the London Youth Games.



11 students were selected to be ball boys for this year's Wimbledon Championship. It is a shame they will now not be able to have this experience as the championship has been cancelled this year.

I am very proud to announce that Rutlish have won a Surrey County LTA Tennis Award for Education and we have been nominated for a regional award. Congratulations to the students and staff involved.

### PTA

The PTA held a successful quiz night, thank you for your continued support.

### Donations

In line with our tradition to supporting charities, the staff have donated items which was taken to Wimbledon Foodbank this week.

We have also donated a number of goggles to health and social care professionals.



### Other information

You will be receiving a letter from the school nurses and one from the Police Safer Schools Officers, I hope you will find these useful.

Please read the information on this Government link which details guidance for parents and carers whilst schools are closed: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

I wish you all a happy Easter holiday and hope that you are able to stay at home and stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

Ms L Howarth  
Headteacher

