

PARENTAL COMMUNICATION – Friday 1 April 2022

I am writing to congratulate all our students for their commitment to learning. We commend the Year 10-13 students for their focussed and mature approach to their internal exams and wish the Year 9 cohort the best of luck with their exams which start on 20th April. Year 13 and Year 11 students have been attending Saturday School this term to aid their preparation for the summer exams and will be joining us next week for the Easter Revision School. Thank you to the staff for giving up their time during the weekends and holiday to support our students.

This term has been full of enriching opportunities that have complimented classroom activities such as two drama trips to the theatre, two Globe theatre productions at school, a Holocaust witness testimony event, careers day for disadvantaged students, LBGTQ month, Women in History month, apprenticeship assemblies for KS4, year group music recitals, Year 9 careers day, Daniel Spargo Mabs drugs awareness presentation, Year 9 Consent and RSE presentation, Maths challenges, World Book Day, Henry V performance, British Science week and many more! A number of our Sixth Form students are completing their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award and have been busy route planning, volunteering, and supporting the local community.

Thank you to all families who donated money to the Ukraine Humanitarian appeal and to those who donated to Comic Relief. Over 450 students took part in the fun run on 18th March.



We would like to pay a special tribute to the outgoing Junior Leadership Team; George (Head Boy) and his team have dedicated a significant amount of time to lead our student body during the last year; thank you all. We look forward to the new team beginning their tenure; more information will be sent to you when they start.

We are really proud to announce that we have been awarded a Quality Mark Distinction for School Sport and Physical Activity which has only been given to very few schools by the Association of Physical Education.



Our U15/16 Rugby squad ended the season as champions of the Harlequins South London League, congratulations to all the players and PE staff.



The Battle of Bands competition was held last Friday with 14 bands competing including Wimbledon High, Esher College, Ricards, Wimbledon College, Harris Merton. Our Year 10 band played brilliantly, well done. Our Year 7 band won the competition with a fabulous performance which had the audience on their feet. Congratulations to all the musicians who took part and to Ms Steele for helping them prepare.



Year 8 and 9 students have been enhancing their creative skills and have made some excellent clay art during lessons.



Lastly, Alison Jerrard, Headteacher at Ricards is leaving at the end of this academic year; students, parents and staff at Ricards Lodge are already aware. I am sure we (the Rutlish community) will have the opportunity in the summer term to thank Alison for her partnership work with RR6 and for so many other aspects where Rutlish and Ricards work closely together.

Term begins at 8.30 am on Tuesday 19th April (week 1). Please could you ensure your child arrives in full school uniform or appropriate Sixth form dress code.

I hope you and your families have a good holiday and Happy Easter to all those who celebrate this.

Ms L Howarth
Headteacher

WHOLE SCHOOL	RUTLISH APP Reminder to download the 'Rutlish App'. This will go live from 19th April If you have any queries please contact support@weduc.com or you can email the school via RutlishAppSupport@rutlish.merton.sch.uk.  Rutlish School App Education
	Thursday 14th May ~Getup and give it ago Live Music Recital in MU2 3pm All welcome! (Parents/Carers/Students) This afternoon is for students to share what they are learning, playing, practicing on any instrument. It's a safe space to get up and play a verse, chorus, whole piece to gain confidence and performing experience. Any queries dawn.steele@rutlish.merton.sch.uk Refreshments will be available. Mrs Steele Lead Music
	MERTON SCHOOL SPORTS PARTNERSHIP (MSSP) Congratulations to all of our sport leaders who have been working with the Merton Schools Sports partnership for all of the fantastic work they have been doing in Merton's Primary Schools.
	We are writing to remind you of the process to book families into the Family Information and Support Hub (FISH) session. Please do promote to your families and book in parents/carers who you think may benefit from accessing the service. A flyer is attached. Family Information and Support Hubs provide an access point for parents/carers to gain information, advice and guidance on a range of subjects helping them to think about what support they need and empowering them to access the information or help that they need. Sessions are 45 minutes long and offered both face to face and virtually, bookable via Eventbrite (either by parents/carers themselves or by a practitioner on their behalf) https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/london-borough-of-merton-early-years-18434772382
	SCIENCE Congratulations to the following students for their effort and achievement on Century this term. Century is our AI science software that will help students identify and fill any gaps in their knowledge. 5. Ted – 413 questions answered 4. Felix – 540 questions answered 3. Patrik – 686 questions answered 2. Jayden – 786 questions answered 1. Peter – 1164 questions answered

PTA	Rutlish PTA email: rutlishpta@gmail.com Keeping up with the latest PTA news and events is easy, simply follow us on Twitter! You will see their regular updates by following the Friends of Rutlish (@ParentRulish) account. Below is a link for quick access & sign up: https://twitter.com/ParentRutlish?t=lumBedYttYMStYVB3Dp-8A&s=09
HOUSE NEWS	HOUSE NEWS: Please see follow this link for our latest House Competition Newsletter Rutlish School Parent Portal - Newsletters - House Competition Newsletter Spring 2022.
MEDICAL	Supporting Students in Schools with Medical Conditions As we move into Spring and seasonal allergies impact many of our students may we remind you that all medication should be taken before or after school. However, should any medication/eye drops need to come into school, as per the policy we must have written consent from the parent/carer and any medication that comes onsite must be in its original packaging and in date. Please contact the Medical Needs Co-Ordinator for any further assistance, Mrs Parchment. medications@rutlish.merton.sch.
YEAR 10	COMPUTER SCIENCE: Coding Games Masterclasses with TeenTech! Your Creative iMedia and Entry Level Computer Science students are invited to join TeenTech each morning on the 4, 5 and 7 April for coding masterclasses led by an app and game developer. This free course is suitable for absolute beginners who've never coded before who want to understand the concepts behind programming and creating apps and games. Students will get involved in doing some fun block coding projects, creating fun games and learning the fundamentals of programming! Every single project can be completed using a modern browser, with no additional software (or hardware) required. Day 1: Arcade-style Space-Shooter Day 2: Arcade-style Platformer Day 3: micro:bit Game (for an Internet of Things device). This Masterclass is part of a three-day course. Please do register for all three sessions if you can, as students will be building up knowledge throughout the week. Teachers should register their class/students via the 'book events' button below. If your students are on Easter Break, you can register for these sessions as a teacher and share the joining link directly with your students (via your internal school platforms), so they can watch and code along from home. Our joining links are open links, and students do not need to have a TeenTech account to take part – they can simply click the joining link. If you're in school on these dates, then you can play this session in your classroom (on a large screen, at the front of the class) and your students can code along with us on their laptops or tablets. Please note: these events are not available for Cambridge Technicals in IT to attend; please accept our apologies if you received an email recently inviting those students to join. If you have any questions about the events please get in touch directly with TeenTech.

YEAR 11	GRADUATION EVENT REMINDER Further to the letter sent last week for the Year 11 Graduation Event, please remember to complete the below form if you have not done so already Rutlish Year 11 Graduation and Consent Year 11 Revision Timetables were issued to all Y11 students on Tuesday this week, to guide independent revision at home. The timetable allocates time to revise all core subjects at home, independently, between now and end of exam season, leaving plenty of space for option subjects too. It is a fantastic resource to assist parents/carers in helping and monitoring student revision at home, as it manages their time in the run up to exams. EASTER EXAM REVISION – Monday 4th – Friday 8th April There will be scheduled revision taking place in the first week of the Easter holidays, final details will be emailed in the next couple of days. Sessions will run between 9am to 3pm every day. Year 11 parents have been emailed the timetable and this can also be found on the school website.
Year 12	Y12s have just finished off this cycle of enrichment sessions. Newly added sessions like British Sign Language and Driver Theory have been so popular this year, that they will continue to be offered into next year. Yesterday we had a former student G. Stokes, come back to discuss the road to Oxbridge, common misconceptions, the Cambridge foundation year, the application, writing your statement and of course student life. It would be remiss not to congratulate the Y12's on coming back from 0-1 to run out winners 3-1 in the second Y12 vs Y13 football. Sincere thanks to Mr Bailey for his time and refereeing prowess.
Year 13	Y13s had their pre-Easter Examination and motivation assembly yesterday. We discussed what these exams would look like and advised using the timetable to start planning their revision now. They were also reminded of exam regulations such as ensuring ALL watches are removed and to pack away all electronic gadgets before entering the exam hall. We then spoke about using the 18 days of Easter to really prepare themselves for their exams, plan each day with a good balance of work, rest and (some) play. We reinforced the importance of being organised and getting all their stuff organised for the break. We also reiterated efficient study techniques particularly using retrieval practice and spaced learning to enhance their ability to know more and remember more. We are very fond of this group, they are an outstanding group who have been lovely to work with and a credit to their families.