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Rutlish School 2025 Annual Statement

This academic year has seen Rutlish School receive the top grade from Ofsted of 'Outstanding', an impressive achievement of which we are all proud. Moreover, Rutlish School has the highest demand for admission of any School in the Borough and we are one of the top schools of our kind in the country. This has been the case for some time now, but it is no mean feat to maintain such high standards consistently and we never rest on our laurels, continuously striving for excellence across all areas.

With the arrival of Sir Martyn Oliver as Head of Ofsted at the start of 2024 I had hoped for more leadership and guidance than under his predecessor Amanda Spielman but, alas, Ofsted seem to be in a cul-de-sac and in complete limbo as I write. To put a positive spin on this situation: Rutlish School is likely to be spared further inspection until 2029.

I read with some alarm the Government's approach to SEN. I believe this is an area that is critical to education overall and thus requires considerable additional financial resources. SEND remains a major area of focus for Governors and Staff at Rutlish; it is our ambition is to have the best SEND department of any school in the Borough if not beyond. Strong leadership within our School's SEND department is helping us towards this goal.

This year, 2025, marks the 15th anniversary of RR6 and I am very much looking forward to seeing our KS5 outcomes when the results come out in August. Last year's strong KS5 exam results by RR6 boys definitely contributed to our Ofsted award of Outstanding, as did our consistently high KS4 results towards our overall *Quality of Education* Outstanding grade.

The School's financial position has been among areas of concern this academic year. All our surplus reserves from previous years have been used up and I have just signed off a small deficit for the 2025/6 budget. With the country's finances in a dire state, this financial position is unlikely to change any time soon. I would like to thank the Rutlish Foundation for their contribution of £125,000 this academic year to continue to supply breakfasts for needy members of the school community, along with extra-curricular sponsorship for equipment and their £75,000 support to upgrade RR6 facilities.

Regarding facilities, our Pavilion is in a shockingly bad state. The Rutlish Foundation is in discussion to build a new pavilion as it really is a waste of money to repair the existing building any longer. It is our ambition to have a new pavilion up and open within four years. This will require some financial input from the Local Authority, alongside which the Rutlish Foundation will contribute the remaining funding for what would become a school and community facility.

It remains extraordinary that Rutlish School remains the only secondary school in the Borough not to enjoy an astro-turf or its equivalent. This will change, together with ground level flood lights. Our School, with our strength in sport, needs to catch up with the rest of its peers and I am determined that it will do so.



As a School, we are proud of our historic and popular CCF contingent, and the Rutlish Foundation will support the expansion of its accommodation on the school site over the next five years. This will be completed in good time to celebrate the centenary of Rutlish School CCF winning the *Nation Cup*, awarded in 1933 for having the best CCF school unit in the whole country.

As regards extra-curricular activities, our students now enjoy a huge range of trips, outings and activities. The variety and quantity of these has significantly increased in recent years, thanks to the efforts of staff who research, manage and set up an impressive range of opportunities. Our thanks to all who support and participate in the success of this programme.

In terms of the contributions of Rutlish School staff, I offer thanks to all on behalf of the school community for their efforts over the last 12 months. You are a tremendous credit to the teaching profession and education sector, and your unstinting dedication to Rutlish School and our students is much appreciated. This includes the trips mentioned above, for which staff give up their holiday time, and of course the vital and much-admired revision classes which take place over many holidays and Saturday mornings for the benefit of students taking their public examinations. Their efforts are enormously appreciated by students, parents and of course School Governors.

I would like to mention the School's Cricket Scholar partnership with Surrey Cricket which we are delighted to be able to offer to sixth formers and which we hope will continue to expand in the coming years. Well done too, to those involved in helping make the successful bid for £50,000 Wolfson funding to support our DT refurbishment. These are just a couple of the many projects which continue to improve our student offering and help make Rutlish the outstanding School that it is.

I would also like to thank the PTA for its valuable and enthusiastic support throughout the year, and the parents & carers of our students. Your support for our staff and the work they do makes a vital contribution to the continuing success of Rutlish School. Finally, a thank you to the Old Rutlishians' Association for the facilities and support they generously and unstintingly provide. Your input is as always much appreciated.

On behalf of the whole Governing Body, I would like to thank every member of the Rutlish team for their huge efforts over the last academic year, and wish everyone a great summer break. We look forward to seeing you back in September, refreshed and ready to welcome our next cohort of 240 Year 7 boys at the start of their Rutlish careers

Kind Regards,



Peter A. Norrie
Chair, Rutlish School, Full Governing Body

