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Rutlish School 2026 Annual Statement

I would like to congratulate the School on last year's 2025 public examinations. The Key stage 4 GCSE results were extremely strong and in recent conversation with some Heads of departments at the School they are expecting another very strong set of results this year too. Though it will be extremely tough to better last year's results, nevertheless, results around the same level will be amongst the strongest nationally of all secondary schools. On Key stage 5, the ambitions are once again high looking for another strong set of results in August targeting that 30% of the boys will achieve either an A* or an A grade at A level and at least 60% of the boys will achieve either an A*, A or B grade. Other qualifications apart from A levels at Key stage 5 are equally important and we look forward to another strong set of results. The co-operation this year just completed between the boys and the School staff and the Parents & Carers has been excellent once more and I would thank each and every one of them.

As has been highlighted in the School's/Head-teacher's regular newsletters to Parents & Carers throughout the year so much has been achieved and accomplished for the boys of the School outside of the classroom as well. The range and variety of extra-curricular and enrichment activities continues to grow across all year groups of the School and I would like to highlight just a few of the many successes which also includes some of the School's selected trips, both here in the UK and overseas. I would like to thank all who have facilitated these extra activities.

The school has received national recognition for a variety of different areas this academic year: Eco-Schools green flag, FFT Attendance Autumn & Spring Term top 10% of similar secondary schools, FFT Attendance top 25% of all secondary schools, Association for PE Quality Mark, School Games Mark, SSAT Educational outcomes KS4 top 10% of non-selective schools, DfE excellent outcomes for Disadvantaged students, Attachment Research Community, Trauma Informed Attachment Aware School Programme – certificate of embedding, silver award.

There has been strong attendance to Saturday coursework catch up and revision sessions by Year 11 students. There were fewer sessions provided for Year 13 but the attendance was good. I thank to staff to volunteering to give up their Saturday mornings to facilitate these. The School may have to request parental contributions if these Easter revision sessions are to continue and or they may have to be scaled back due to school financial constraints.

Parents have fed back compliments about the school communication and the weekly newsletter including PE, Art, Drama and Music which all continue to deliver a variety of extra-curricular activities. There have also been many other exciting enrichment activities including Seville trip, Maths's show, Careers mornings, Shakespeare performances, Author event, Maths challenges, Debating competitions, Cirque du Soleil trip, Jack Petchey oracy workshops, Austria ski trip, Inter-House sport, Muslim prayers, Christian Union prayers, Globe theatre, Gurdwara visit, PSHE drugs workshops, CCF Air Experience, and UCAS discovery trip. During the Easter holidays there is a Sports trip to Villareal in Spain and a Geography trip to China.

Our ambition to replace and build a new Pavilion is taking a little longer than we have thought following a recent feasibility study that found the overall cost to be higher than anticipated. However, following a discussion that I had with the Local Authority two months ago, followed by the Headteacher and the governor responsible for Estate Management also having a meeting with the Local Authority, we are now working very closely with the Local Authority to fund the project, possibly with a revised specification, with the additional financial support from the Rutlish Foundation. The determination to upgrade the Pavilion and to add further internal Physical Education teaching rooms for the boys given the DNA of the School, the appetite for broad sport participation and competition and of course the House System remains an absolute priority for the School & the Full Governing Body. I am very confident that this project will start in earnest very soon.

I am also pleased to report that new outdoor School cricket nets will be build this summer holiday on the School playing fields along the lines of the Old Rutlishians' Association outdoor cricket nets and this has been primarily funded by the Rutlish Foundation following a legacy left to the Rutlish Foundation provided by an old boy of the School and the PTA. Further, I am working closely with the Director of Sport and the Headteacher to facilitate, if not a full sized G4 pitch, a decent sized artificial pitch for the boys of the School to use. We hope to progress this to fruition next year.

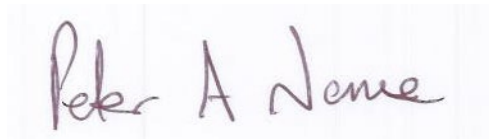
In terms of the contributions of the whole Rutlish School staff, support and teaching staff, I would like to offer thanks to all on behalf of the whole school community for their huge efforts this past year. All of you continue to be a tremendous credit to the teaching profession and education sector, and your efforts for all of the boys at the School is very much appreciated by students, parents and of course the School Governors.

I would also like once again to thank the PTA for its continued support throughout 2025/26. Your support for our staff and the work the PTA does is a vital contribution to the continuing success of Rutlish School as well as your financial contributions to the School that includes the new School outdoor cricket nets highlighted above. Lastly, a thank you to the Old Rutlishians' Association for the facilities and support they generously provide. It is absolutely essential that the link between the School & the Old Rutlishians remains very strong as it does and we are in a very unique position that both venues are so close to each other – 400 hundred yards apart - and both the School and the Old Rutlishian's can help and facilitate each other. Long may that continue.

Before I close, the Headteacher and I would also like to thank all of my governor colleagues on the Full Governing Body. Your commitment to the School over the last year and ability to find time in your heavy schedules to support and assist the School with your expertise is absolutely fantastic. I always mention the partnership between the School, the boys & the Parents and Carers. It should also include all of the Governors too.

I would like to wish every member of the Rutlish community a great summer break & see you all in September.

Kind Regards,



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