



Newsletter

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SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.00pm ON FRIDAY 19th JULY

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Message from the Headteacher:

I wanted to take this last opportunity to say thank you to you for entrusting your children's education to Rugby High School and for the support that you have given to the school and to me personally as headteacher over the last thirteen years.

The partnership that exists between the school, its students and you, their parents is a very special one. We all have the same objective. Primarily, we want our students (your children) to be happy and healthy, to be exposed to different experiences and opportunities that will help them to develop a wide range of skills. We want them to be excited by and enthusiastic about learning, to experience spine tingling moments both inside the classroom and outside it, which will stay with them for the rest of their lives. We want them to be able to venture out into the world with confidence and equipped to make a positive contribution to society.

Over the course of the last thirteen years, the school has changed quite a lot. We've got a bit larger, four rather than three forms of entry, and we have two new buildings: the Olive Hands building and the Sports Hall to help to accommodate that growth. I would like to say a particular thank you to all of you who contributed to our Sports Hall campaign either by donating time or money. The Sports Hall has transformed our sports provision. I still have to pinch myself just to check I am not dreaming every time I enter it and see students enjoying playing badminton, trampolining or French cricket.

One thing that hasn't changed over the years is the quality of the staff that we have been able to recruit. Our staff are our greatest asset. We are fortunate, despite a national shortage of teachers, to still be able to recruit subject specialists who are knowledgeable, passionate and engaging and who think carefully about how to create interesting lessons which enthuse students. It's exciting seeing students start out on those learning journeys and a great privilege to be the provider of the route map.

I have so enjoyed being able to take students on outings and expeditions, to be able to share with them some of the experiences that brought learning alive for me as a young person and to encounter new ones. It's been a lot of fun helping students learn how to camp and cook and negotiate in a foreign language. Perhaps the best bit of all has been seeing students achieve things that they didn't really think they could achieve and seeing the impact that that has on their confidence and self-

esteem. None of that would have been possible without a collective willingness on the part of colleagues to provide a wide menu of opportunities for students or your support in funding them and turning up at all times of the day and night either to collect or drop off your children.

I know that I am leaving the school in excellent hands. I'm sure it will change and that's a good thing because the world is changing too. However, I know that the incoming leadership team: Mr Grady, Mrs Grimes, Mrs Grogan, Mrs Dermott-Bond and Mr Cartmell share the same core values that I do and that Olive Hands had all those years ago when she first opened her school for girls: a belief in the fundamental importance of a good education and the creation of a community in which care and respect for others are at the heart of all of our interactions.

The school will continue to hold a very special place in my heart. It has been a privilege and an honour to be its leader. I will take lots of very happy memories with me. Thank you for your support without which none of what has been achieved would have been possible. I wish you all every future happiness.

With best wishes,

C. Marten
Headteacher

Last day of term bus times – Friday 19th July 2019

As mentioned above the school will close early on Friday 19th July. The buses will pick up at the following times:

A Line	(02476 450808)	1:00pm
Hunters	(01327 312958)	1:00pm
Amadeus	(02476 368453)	1:30pm
De Courcey	(02476 302656)	Normal Time
Ridleys	(01926 430130)	1:00pm
Stagecoach	(01788 566074)	Normal Time
Swifts	(01163 120064)	1:00pm
A & M Flexibus	(08085 212225)	Normal Time

Start of term September 2019

Monday, September 2nd and Tuesday, September 3rd are staff training days.

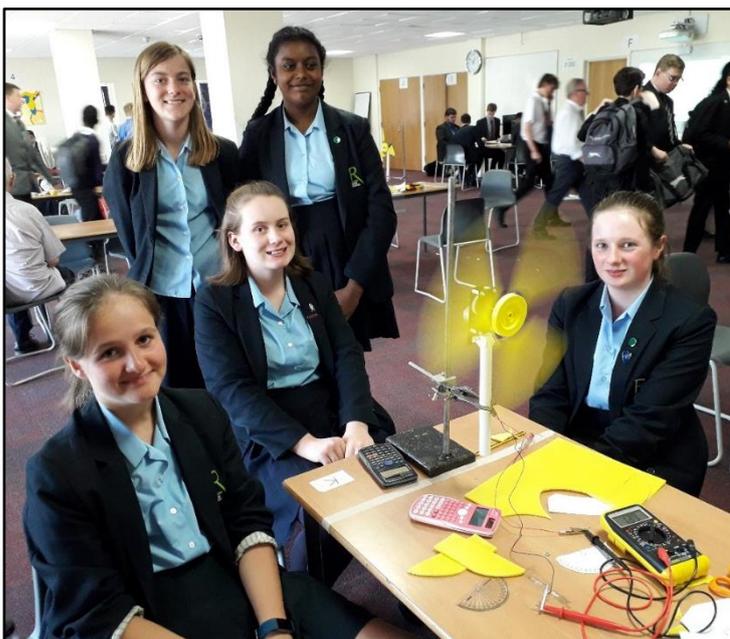
Wednesday, September 4th Year 7 and Year 12 students only expected to attend.

Thursday, September 5th All students expected to attend.

Inter-schools Wind Power Day Challenge

Ten Year 8s went to Lawrence Sheriff School on July 5th to participate in an inter-schools Wind Power Day Challenge where we looked at how wind turbines were efficiently made to generate power.

The Year 8s from Rugby High School, split into two teams of five where we built wind turbines following instructions, but then innovated by changing things and planning different blade sizes to find the best outputs. Although we did not win overall, I learnt a lot and found it an invaluable experience. Alongside the wind turbine, we also completed a challenge on Geography, Physics and Maths. The Maths challenge was to do with supplying power to different cities most effectively. We got the highest points on the Physics and Geography combined.



At the end of the day, the UK's most senior wind turbine engineer spoke to us about how wind turbines have developed and about how they started in Rugby, at General Electric. It was extremely interesting. I really enjoyed the day and thought it was a brilliant experience.



Sports Day

On the penultimate Wednesday of the school year, the whole school came together to see which house would be crowned the champions of Sports Day 2019. Excitement built throughout the day as people began to cover their faces in glitter, face paint and house pride. The addition of a new sound system helped to electrify the atmosphere even more as everyone was brought together by the classic Rugby High love of a good singalong.

When it was finally time to start, we all gathered by the edge of the track and settled in to watch representatives from every form battling against each other in events such as discus, shotput, javelin, hurdles, high jump and a range of distances on the track. As always, the high level of fierce competition was matched only by the extreme enthusiasm of the crowd across the field.



Everyone performed really well and it was great to see different winners across the year groups. Unfortunately, there can be only one overall champion and this year it was... (drum roll please)... Ryder!

Congratulations to all those that took part, athletes and supporters, and of course congratulations to Ryder.

Overall:

1st : Ryder

2nd : Sharman

3rd : Hepworth

4th : Glennie



Thought of the Week from the Languages Department

Bonnes vacances!

¡Pasa unas buenas vacaciones!

Use this phrase in your Language lessons to gain a house point.
The English translation will be in next week's newsletter.

Answer to last Thought for the Week: "I can't wait"

Maths Quiz 547

How Many Days?

Samantha Square went on a gap year, round the world trip. she stayed 1 day at the first place, 4 days at the second, 9 days at the third and so on? She visited 10 places in all.

For how many days of the second year was she away from home?

Answer to Maths quiz 546
195

Diary Dates

Activities Day 2

Year 8 & 9 to Drayton Manor

Thursday 18th July

Trip to CERN – Geneva Switzerland

Thursday 18th July to Sunday 21st July

LAST DAY OF TERM – Finish at 1pm

Friday 19th July

A Level Results

Thursday 15th August

GCSE Results

Thursday 22nd August

STAFF TRAINING DAYS

Monday 2nd September & Tuesday 3rd September

Year 7 and Year 12 students only expected to attend

Wednesday 4th September

All students expected to attend

Thursday 5th September