



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers

It's been another very busy Summer Term in school. Students have been able to participate in a huge variety of activities which has been pleasing to see. Year 6, who will be joining us in September, have visited school and Year 5 have taken part in activity days. We have also said farewell to our Year 11 cohort, who experienced a Prom at Wychwood Park, which was the first in a while due to the pandemic.

The recent school concert 'A Night at the Musicals' was a joy to watch and the hard work and talent on show made the three nights a really wonderful spectacle. We look forward to the next show! The Duke of Edinburgh Award was also a welcome addition to our school activities this year and it was fabulous to see a large number of students taking part in two expeditions across the Cheshire countryside.

It is the time of year when we say goodbye to those staff that are moving on from school. Mr Gibbons (Science) is leaving us after seven years to move abroad to teach. We wish him well in Vietnam. Miss Swindells (Geography) leaves us to pursue a career outside of teaching and Mrs Leonowicz (TA and Maths Intervention) commences a post as a Maths teacher. We also say goodbye to Miss Waters who has supported us as a TA for the last six months, she leaves to undertake a course in primary education.

Joining us we have Mrs Burke (Assistant Headteacher), Mr Sant (Science), Mr Gray (Science), Miss Sample (Maths), Miss Lane (Dance) and Miss Cottle (Geography). We look forward to them joining our team at Ruskin.

Students have enjoyed a rewards based day this week, which is thoroughly deserved after the academic year although the Alton Towers visit will now take place in September.

I would like to thank you for all of your support again throughout the year and I hope you enjoy reading this edition of the newsletter. I also hope the good weather stays with us and that you enjoy the summer break.

Mr Postlethwaite, Headteacher

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Love Music Trust Choral Celebration

On a beautiful summer's day in June, the Ruskin choir were asked to perform at the very prestigious 'Love Music Trust: Choral Celebration' at Clonter Opera Theatre near Congleton.

We performed a 15-minute set, opening with an acoustic arrangement of 'Treat You Better', featuring soloists Shenae D and Amy D.

The choir then livened up the mood with an energetic rendition of the Abba hit 'Mamma Mia' followed by a rousing performance of 'Something Inside So Strong', featuring beautiful harmony lines, with soloists Jake A and Lucy B.

We finished our set with the lively crowd-pleasing 'Africa' by Toto.

Well done to all the performers who were fantastic and represented Ruskin school impeccably!

The students also had the opportunity to listen to other performances during the concert, among others from Nantwich and Cheshire East Youth Choirs.

We had a wonderful afternoon and the students absolutely loved the venue; a beautiful converted barn in acres of unspoilt Cheshire countryside. We really hope to be invited back next year!

Mrs CM Harrison: Music Lead



Northwest Maths Fest

Earlier this year, some of our Year 10 students competed in the Northwest's Maths Fest at Manchester University. They competed against twenty-three teams and came third!

Well done this is a huge achievement. I am really proud of you.

Miss Grinnell: Maths/Year 10 YAM



The Big Bang Science Fair

A number of Year 8 and 9 students attended The Big Bang Science Fair at Birmingham NEC on Wednesday 22nd June. The Big Bang Fair was packed full of exciting, interactive activities and enabled students to obtain the best careers inspiration, advice and opportunities to meet with real scientists and engineers. This event was especially useful for students considering any career relating to Science, Technology, Engineering or Maths. A great day was had by all and students particularly enjoyed being able to see the inside of an ambulance in detail, experience a flight simulator and set up electrical components in circuits.

Mrs Managh: Science/Year 9 YAM



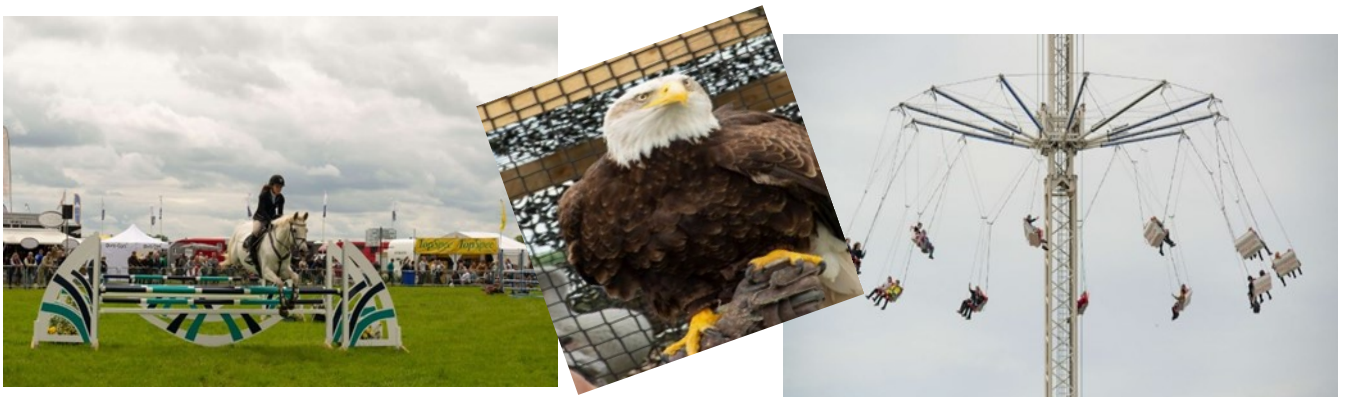
The Curtain Has Opened!

The curtain opened for the cast of Ruskin's 'A Night At The Musicals', as they performed on the band stand at The Royal County Cheshire Show on 21st June. Students treated the audience to a medley of songs from the musicals 'Oliver', 'Mamma Mia', 'Les Misérables' and 'Grease', which included some incredible solo performances.



The cast were also able to spend some free time at the showground, enjoying an array of attractions including over 3000 animals, birds of prey, a quad bike stunt show and the Cheshire Farmers market. Students also headed to the fairground rides: a 40-metre swing ride, bouncy castles and carousels to name a few!

Andrew Bratherton: Year 9 Student





Ruskin: A Night at the Musicals

At the time of writing, we have just finished three performances to packed audiences, wowing the crowd with the fantastic talents of our Ruskin students, and children from Gainsborough and Pebblebrook primary schools.

We started our journey through the musicals in the grim reality of the workhouse in Victorian Times, following young Oliver Twist in his search for a loving home with numbers including 'Food Glorious Food', 'Where is Love?' and 'As Long As He Needs Me'. 'Matilda' was our next musical which featured some of our talented Year 7 students as they took on the task of portraying the extraordinary but naughty young girl. The first half concluded with songs from the spectacular hit - musical 'Mamma Mia', featuring a rousing rendition of 'Dancing Queen' by Rock Band and the whole cast performing the title track.

The second half opened with a bang: the phenomenal music of 'Queen' and the rousing drum ostinato of 'We Will Rock You', moving seamlessly into the iconic 'Bohemian Rhapsody'. The Staff Choir performed a medley of songs from Claude Michel Schoenberg's 'Les Miserables', after we heard the three main leading ladies, Fantine, Cosette and Eponine, beautifully represented by three of our student soloists.

'Grease is the Word' concluded our trip around the musicals, featuring the too-cool-for-school 'Burger Palace Boys' and the sassy 'Pink Ladies' in their desire to be rebellious and provocative, performing some of the iconic numbers from the hit musical.

The students have worked fantastically hard and have showed incredible team work to put on such a fantastic show.

One parent watching commented with ***"I'd just like to say how fantastic the musical was last night. Everyone was absolutely fabulous I was blown away!!!"***

A parent from Gainsborough primary school said: ***"I was really impressed by the whole performance. You have some very talented students - the solos were excellent and it was great to see so many young people enjoying performing and confidently taking to the stage"***

A huge thank you from Miss John and Mrs C M Harrison, to all the cast for their commitment; all the parents for their support and all the other staff who helped to make it such a special show.

Mrs C M Harrison:
Music Lead



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Manchester School of Art Degree Show & The Science and Industry Museum

A large number of Year 8 students had the opportunity to visit the Manchester School of Art Degree show in June, followed by a visit to the Science and Industry Museum. It was great to see so many students engage with this trip; all students thoroughly enjoyed it and were very inspired by what they saw. The Year 8 students, who took part, represented the school well with excellent behaviour and engagement with the activities.

Students had the opportunity to meet graduating university students and view their work, as well as viewing exhibitions which included the work of professionals in the museum. Many of the students are considering future careers in the Arts, or within Science and Technology fields and this trip gave them a glimpse of what some of that future may look like. They gathered lots of information which will inspire their work back at school and have also expanded their knowledge of future career opportunities.

Mrs Bennett: Technology





Student responses to the trip:

“On the trip to the Science and Industry Museum and the Art Gallery, I enjoyed seeing the art work displayed in the gallery and how they were displayed. I also enjoyed the fact that different sections of the building were designated to different works of art. In the Science and Industry Museum, I enjoyed the photo galleries around in the building. I enjoyed how they were all black and white, and how that brought out the contrast in the colours. I also enjoyed the machinery they had on display on the ground floor, and how you could see how they improved through time”.

Helena H

“Whilst in Manchester, I saw some amazing pieces of art. While some people see a pile of rubbish, others see art and that is really inspiring. It was especially good with all the practical activities available and how we could explore”.

Leon W

“I really enjoyed the Manchester trip because we got to explore and there were lots of activities to do. The art gallery was lots of fun because the painting and drawings were wonderful”.

Charlie B



The School Council 21/22

I have had the privilege of being in charge of the School Council this year. The group of students, who were nominated, have done a fantastic job and brought in real change at Ruskin. Over the year, the students have raised around £600 for different charities including: Children in Need, Red Nose Day and UNICEF. Alongside this, students have also introduced some changes into school: setting up a Student Wellbeing Committee, changing the school lanyards and also introducing Hi-Viz vests for staff to wear at breaktime. I would like to thank all the students for their hard work this year: Simona and Erin (Year 7), Honey and Denzel (Year 8), Betsy and Shenae (Year 9), Annie and Jack (Year 10) and our Year 11 Head Boy and Head Girl, Katie and Ben, and their team: Jacob, Finlay and Chloe. We brought the School Council's year to a close with a Summer Fayre on Thursday 14th July which raised a lot of money for our Duke of Edinburgh team and the Jon Shaw Foundation. Thank you again!

Mrs Simmons: Second in English

Form Reps 2022/23

This term, forms in all years have been voting for their form representatives who will be in place for September 2022. Congratulations to the students below for being the successful candidates and I look forward to working with you all in September! **Mrs Simmons**

Year 7:

FAR - Millie and Loriana
JOH - George and Josh
LOU - Carys and Brooklyn
NET - Ruby and David
BAT - Lylah and Josh
EDD - Andrew, Sophia and Ashley

Year 9:

SIL - Zuzanna and Taylor
SWI - Andrew and Keira
KEE - Denisa and Cayla
HUN - Lola and Lucas
BOY - Katie and Lamya
MCN – Cherry, Callum and Connor

Year 8:

GRE - Adam and Stefanie
CRN (WES) - Nefeli and Liam
HAC - Jake and Daisy
ALA - Harvey and Anca
DEA - Magda and Amy
GIB - Libby and Luis

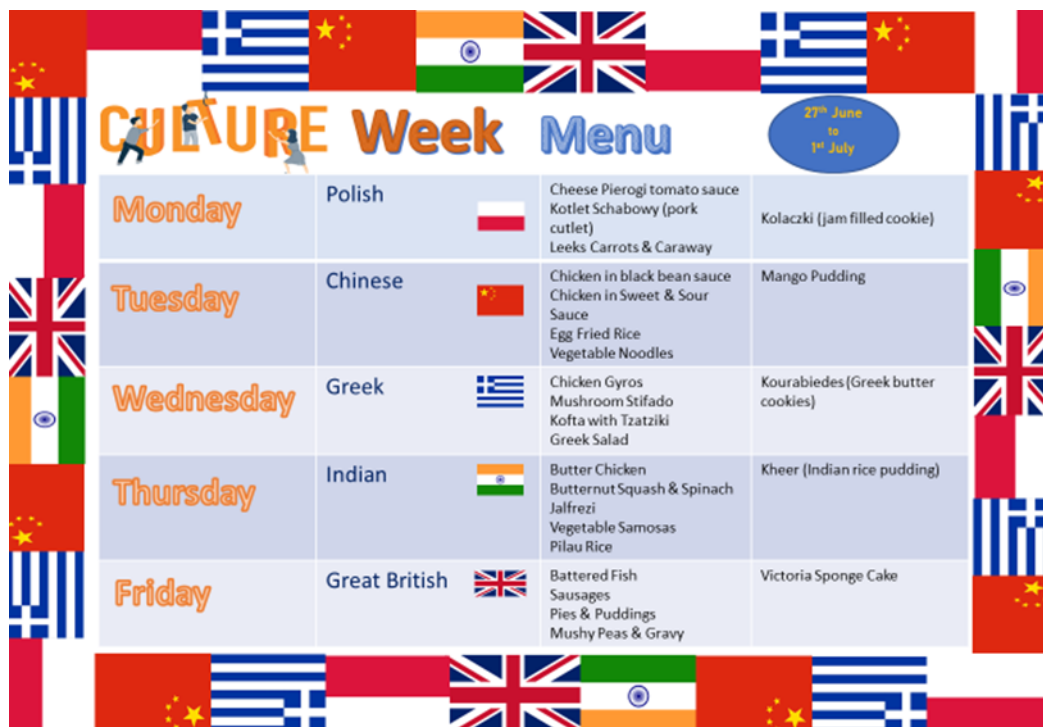
Year 10:




BRO/MOU - Leon and Rozan
HAZ/DOW - Artur and Diana
BRL/LES - Noor and Tanisha
POW - Olivier and Grace
RAN – Grace and Lorenzo



Citizenship

As part of their GCSE Citizenship project, Year 10 organised a Celebration of Difference week. They held activities and events promoting LGBTQ, Special Educational Needs and our different cultures. The canteen assisted with their project by helping to design daily menus including Greek and Polish in order to represent our school differences. The most popular day was Chinese.



CULTURE Week Menu			
27 th June to 1 st July			
Monday	Polish		Cheese Pierogi tomato sauce Kotlet Schabowy (pork cutlet) Leeks Carrots & Caraway Kolaczki (jam filled cookie)
Tuesday	Chinese		Chicken in black bean sauce Chicken in Sweet & Sour Sauce Egg Fried Rice Vegetable Noodles Mango Pudding
Wednesday	Greek		Chicken Gyros Mushroom Stifado Kofta with Tzatziki Greek Salad Kourabiedes (Greek butter cookies)
Thursday	Indian		Butter Chicken Butternut Squash & Spinach Jalfrezi Vegetable Samosas Pilau Rice Kheer (Indian rice pudding)
Friday	Great British		Battered Fish Sausages Pies & Puddings Mushy Peas & Gravy Victoria Sponge Cake

Also, the SEND group prepared surveys and presented on PSHCE day. They have organised a raffle for MIND and a charity dress-as-you-like day.

Mrs Cross: SENDCo



PSHCE

Over the course of this year, we have had a full and enriching PSHCE curriculum which has been centred on responding to the impact of the COVID pandemic to support our students as we recover and return to a more settled year at school. We have run six whole school drop down days each with a different focus. Our first Drop Down Day was entirely focused around Mental Health and Wellbeing. This involved a variety of activities and opportunities to learn more around Mental Health and positive strategies to help manage emotions and wellbeing. This included talks with the School Nurse and physical activity sessions where students learnt about the value and positive effects of physical activity on your mental health. In each of the other five drop down days, we have also included wellbeing sessions for students to continue to explore mental health as well as positive strategies for managing this.

Our other Drop-Down Days have included education on Families and Relationships, Online Safety, Personal Safety and most recently, Health and Prevention. During this PSHCE Day in July, we had a talk from PC Martin Shore about the risks of drugs and alcohol to health and personal safety, as well as a presentation by our Year 10 Citizenship class to Year 7, 8 and 9, and finally a wellbeing activity to walk a mile. The idea of this was for students to get out into the fresh air to complete physical activity whilst improving their wellbeing. Fortunately the sun was out and students and staff alike thoroughly enjoyed being outside in the good weather. Year 9 students commented saying, 'It was actually really fun. It was nice to just be outside and to be able to walk whilst seeing my friends'.

Throughout this year we have welcomed the opportunity to invite guest speakers and professionals back into school to lead workshops and talks with our students. This has proven to be a really beneficial experience for students to hear from external visitors again and gain valuable expertise in these topic areas. These visits have included the School Nurse, a talk by a young carer, The British Transport Police, PCSO Jamie Barlow and PC Martin Shore.

We would like to extend our thanks to those external partners who came in to deliver these valuable sessions to our students throughout the year.

Miss Davies: PSHCE Lead





WaterPark

Thirty-five students attended the WaterPark, Lake District from Friday 1st April to Sunday 3rd April. The students had an amazing weekend taking part in lots of activities during their time there. These included an evening walk, sailing, kayaking, canoeing, paddle boarding low ropes, high ropes and fun games. Students spent the weekend staying in WaterPark mansion where they were able to socialise with their friends and grow in independence. We are already looking forward to WaterPark 2023 and hope all students joining us are too!

Miss O'Donnell: Curriculum Leader PE



Duke of Edinburgh

Earlier this year, we relaunched the Duke of Edinburgh Award at Ruskin. We started with the Bronze award, offering this to students in Years 9 and 10. Students have worked really hard all year towards their physical, skill and volunteering sections of the awards with many getting involved in community activities. There have been lots of things going on, including work with a local church, local care home, support at Park Run, lots of exercising and learning how to cook.



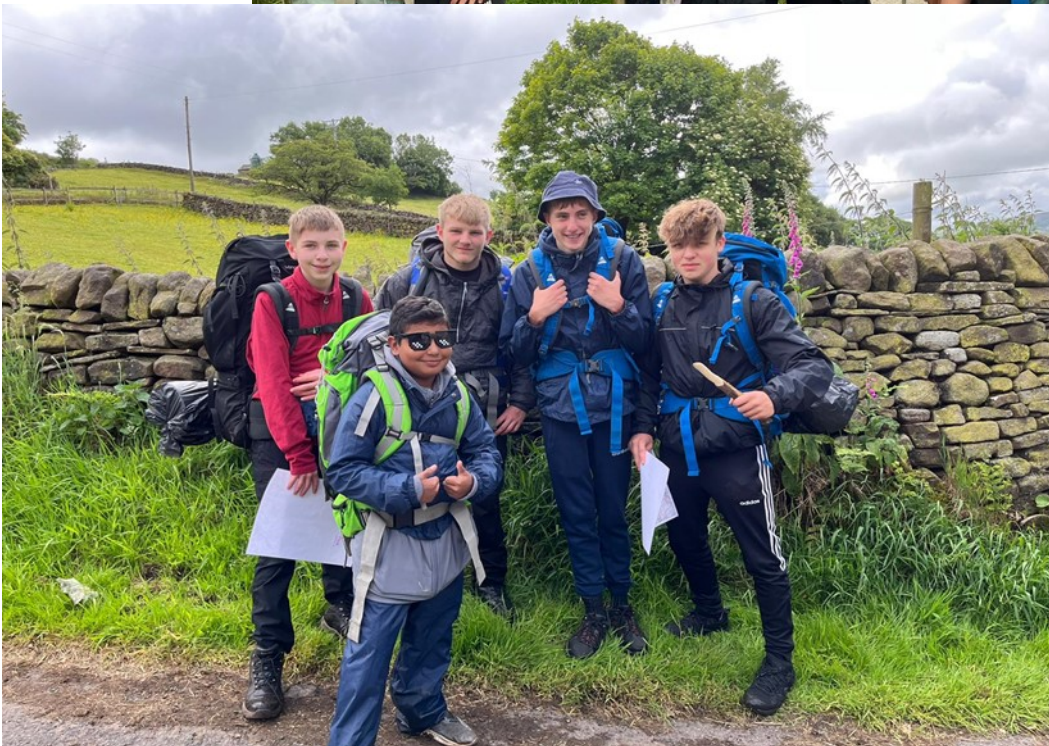
The expedition section of the award took place recently too. In May, students took part in a practice expedition where they spent a weekend walking around Malpas with a night camping at Pitch and Canvas, Chester. They then spent a weekend in June walking from Teggs Nose to Tittesworth Reservoir with a night camping in Wincle. During the weekends, students learnt how to read a map and then developed their map reading skills. They also learnt how to set up a camp, cook an evening meal and stay as dry as possible when outside in the rain! The teamwork students demonstrated along with their resilience was excellent. They really did give the weekends their all and walked a total of around 55km across the two weekends! Well done to all students. We are proud of your achievements!

Miss O'Donnell: Curriculum Leader PE





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Women's Euros

On Wednesday 6th July 2022 Mr McGregor and Mrs Bell took some students to Old Trafford for the opening game of the Women's European Cup 2022. They watched England take on Austria, with England winning 1-0. The atmosphere of the evening was immense and students were lucky enough to experience a true major sporting event along with a record crowd of over 68,000 other fans!



Football

Lots of students have really dedicated their time to football this year with many fantastic performances from many.

The number of students attending Year 7 training has been incredible. The dedication week in, week out by the students has been commendable. Students' abilities have certainly improved and we are excited to see how you perform in more competitive games next year.

The Year 7 girls' team has shown huge improvement throughout the year with all improving hugely. The girls have taken part in some festivals against local schools, winning some of these fixtures. They have shown a good team spirit and are gelling well together.

The Year 8 team performed excellently to reach the semi-finals of the cup but unfortunately lost on penalties following a questionable decision that VAR would have overturned! The boys demonstrated true sportsmanship and courage in their acceptance of defeat and have continued to demonstrate positive attitudes since.

The Year 9, 10 and 11 teams all performed well throughout the year but unfortunately didn't get the chance to play as many games as we would have liked due to Covid peaks. We are hoping that all students continue to dedicate themselves to training and keep developing.

The future of football at Ruskin is very exciting and students really are demonstrating that they are developing well within their teams. We are keeping our fingers crossed that we will be able to play more games next year without disruption.

Miss O'Donnell: Curriculum Leader PE



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Relishing Reading at Ruskin

Year 7s have been busy immersing themselves in reading this term. A number of students have benefitted from reading support and found exciting new texts to enjoy.

Students also made profiles of books that they had recently enjoyed and also passed on to other students why they enjoyed them.

Mr Hartley: English/Year 7 YAM

Y7 Book Hunt

Miss Webb and Miss Allcock organised a book hunt for Year 7 on Thursday 14th July. Over fifty students were involved in this fantastic event with lots of books exchanged and fun in the sun!





English Awards

Name	Award	Reason
Harry B	Progress	Harry has made incredible progress this term and has been working hard in English lessons. His knowledge amazes us every lesson!
Kobie R-C	Endeavour	A brilliant first year at Ruskin. Well done for working diligently all year.
Sophia O'G	Academic Excellence	Sophia has a very exciting future. Her imagination and flair for writing mark her out as an impressive student. She contributes to each and every lesson and inspires others with her ideas.
Maya P	Progress	Maya puts 100% into all her English lessons. She has developed confidence in writing independently and her book is absolutely immaculate!
Sophia S	Endeavour	Sophia is a remarkable English student - she works relentlessly to ensure she has success. We are delighted by her work ethic and the way she inspires other to learn.
Ryan N	Academic Excellence	Ryan has worked extremely hard this year. He is thoughtful and creative.
Cameron C	Progress	Cameron has developed a very positive attitude to learning. He is much more aware of his level of learning & now much more prepared to listen and take advice. Really positive behaviour, very polite and always helpful.
Seddie K	Endeavour	A brilliant year - Seddie has continued to give 100% in lessons. You have made super progress throughout Year 9. Impressive!
Andrew B	Academic Excellence	Andrew consistently goes above and beyond with his learning and is a very conscientious student. He is above his target grade and we have no doubt he will succeed in the future due to the incredible effort he puts in.
Lorenzo U	Progress	Lorenzo is a well organised and committed student who really want to do well in English. He is not afraid to ask questions and is also confident with sharing his answers. Well done, Lorenzo.
Iulia C	Endeavour	Iulia is an incredible student. Throughout her English Literature qualification, she has worked very hard. She has consistently attended revision sessions and has sought out further opportunities to succeed and improve her work. She inspires other students to be better in their learning
Lara O	Academic Excellence	Lara has consistently shown a real flare for English. She is always going above and beyond with her effort to achieve excellence. She is an absolute pleasure to have in class and is a really motivated student who inspires the rest of the class.

Mrs Rankin: Curriculum Leader English

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Erin Beavan 7LOU meets Team GB Canoeists

I was invited to the Lee Valley Olympic White-Water centre to meet Team GB Canoe Athletes Eilidh Gibson and Fiona Pennie.

Fiona explained a little bit of the history of the course and how they can alter the flow and wave types of the course. She explained how they replicated the Tokyo 2020 Olympic course there so they could practise before they went to the competition.

On Saturday morning, I paddled the Legacy White Water course in a 2-person inflatable kayak with Eilidh. We practised 'breaking-in' and 'Criss-Crossing' making the boat cross the rapids.

The final part of the session was a 7-boat race that Eilidh and I won – beating all the men on the course !

I had lunch with Eilidh where I had chance to question her about her kayaking experiences.



On the Sunday, Eilidh and I paddled on a slalom practice course at Harefield. This allowed me to practise the skills from the day before on a moving water slalom course.





I really enjoyed my experience and practising skills. Fiona and Eilidh were really nice and answered all the questions I had. I feel more confident in my skills and in understanding when and where to use the techniques.



YEAR ACHIEVEMENT MANAGER UPDATES

Year 11: Mr Ledwards

Thursday 23rd June saw the end of an era for 150 Ruskin students. Whilst the day started with the final exam for most, a 75 or 105 minute Physics paper, once that was completed, the relief and self-gratification was clear to see. The students had worked incredibly hard, up to and including an extended exam period as usual, and they certainly deserved a rest and some time to focus on themselves. The usual shirt signing and jubilation followed under the sun. Students then joined staff for a Leavers Assembly in the Dining Hall where goodbye messages and nostalgic photos were shared before students left the school one last time.

The following Thursday was and is always the highlight of the year. Wychwood Park Hotel was the venue for the Ruskin 2022 Prom and I was so pleased that it was attended by the vast majority of the year group. Students arrived in the most stylish of fashion in a range of modes of transport, from Bentleys or limos to classic cars – this provided an outstanding setting for pictures to be taken to reminisce on an unforgettable night. After a wonderful meal, students took to the dancefloor and a real sense of togetherness was felt as they danced and sang along to the playlist they had created. A brilliant night was had by all and the young people looked incredible and certainly dressed for the occasion.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the Class of 2022 the very best of luck with whatever the future may hold for them!

Year 10: Miss Grinnell

This term has been very busy for Year 10 students. There was a huge focus on English Literature at the beginning with the year group completing their first actual GCSE exam, where their result will also be available for them to collect, along with Year 11 students, on results day. I was impressed with the attitude of the year group in the run up to this and fingers crossed they have all achieved what they deserved. A full mock exam schedule followed, giving everybody a flavour of what next summer will hold.

Since then there has been a focus on careers; we all visited Secondary College for two days where Year 10 were given a taste of life after school. The students had a good two days experiencing both the courses and social side of college. It was fantastic to hear all the questions and thoughts throughout their time there. Next year, they have the opportunity to partake in Work Experience which again, will be a great opportunity.

The term has been an intense but an enjoyable one, and whilst everybody needs a break, I urge Year 10 to keep doing some revision over the summer in order to set them up for their final and all-important nine months in school.

Finally, I would like to thank all students and parents during my time as their Year Achievement Manager; it has been a pleasure to watch all the students grow and progress. I am sure that Mr Ledwards will do a fantastic job in guiding the students during the final stages of their academic career and I look forward to celebrating their hard work on my return to work.





Mrs Managh: Year 9

Year 9 have had a busy year as they have prepared to select their options as they move into Year 10. They have experienced a variety of assemblies and taster sessions to ensure they have made informed decisions. With so many choices and new subjects at Ruskin, students are very excited to start their next term. This has been the first opportunity, in their educational journey, to select subjects they would like to study and they have done this in a mature and thoughtful way.

I have felt privileged to see the year group grow and mature and, with the restrictions of the pandemic over, students have taken the opportunity to immerse themselves into wider aspects of school life including the Duke of Edinburgh Award, sporting activities, charity events, drama and musical events. A number of students have shown great leadership qualities and have led on transition days, sporting events and the School Council, as well as being Eco-Committee representatives. These skills and qualities will support them in many aspects of their lives in the future.

Form Tutors and I would like to thank you for your continued support in helping to ensure that your child has had a positive and rewarding year, and we look forward to seeing your child's continued successes as they move into Year 10.

Mrs Bennett: Year 8

It has been an eventful year for Year 8, and it has been such a pleasure to be on that journey with them. Having a return to some normality this year has been fantastic, with some great opportunities for the students available again. There have been several trips that students have had the opportunity to participate in. From the WaterPark trip, where students were able to experience kayaking and lots of other outdoor activities, to The Big Bang Fair in Birmingham which was full of inspirational activities and exhibitions. There was also the Art trip to Manchester, where students visited the degree show at Manchester School of Art, followed by a trip to the Science and Industry Museum. It was lovely to see so many Year 8 students engage in these experiences and all year 8 students were excellently behaved, representing Ruskin superbly - I am so proud of them. There are many more activities planned for next year already that I hope the students will engage in.

There were also many Year 8 students who contributed to the success of the Ruskin musical recently. Whether on stage or helping back stage, they made a huge contribution to the Performing Arts Department and to the school community, and the show wouldn't have been such a hit without them!

Our School Council representatives, Honey and Denzel, continue to make excellent contributions to the school community and with the recent elections for Form Reps, it will be wonderful to see more students representing their peers within the school in Year 9. Caitlyn and Habiba, the Year 8 Eco-Committee Reps, also continue to do incredible work, campaigning with Mrs Hunter to make our school a greener place. One of the proudest moments this year was watching them lead an assembly to their year group, which took a great deal of confidence and was no easy task, but both did an incredible job.





Year 8 have recently sat assessments and many students have been proud of their success. They have a renewed enthusiasm for learning and are looking forward to Year 9. As we move forward into Year 9, students will be considering their option choices. There will be clear guidance and information given by staff during the coming months and opportunities to look into continuing their educational development and potential careers.

It was lovely to be able to invite so many Year 8 students to participate in rewards activities in the final week of term, with trips taking place to Alton Towers, Waterworld and the cinema, coupled with some lovely activities in school. Attendance, achievement and standards will remain a key focus throughout Year 9 and I am in no doubt that when in Year 9, students will continue to uphold their high expectations. I would like to congratulate those Year 8 students, who have continued to give 100% to every aspect of their education and look forward to sharing in future successes. It is an absolute pleasure to continue with this cohort of students as their Year Achievement Manager as they progress through their academic career.

Mr Hartley: Year 7

It seems only yesterday that we welcomed Year 7 students to Ruskin. Since September, they have shown themselves to be a fantastic year group who have immersed themselves in both the school curriculum and in extra-curricular activities. They have approached academic work in a very business-like manner and shown a very positive attitude to homework. Very few pieces of homework are missed and in one week, this term, we had no missed homework at all. Students have also been very willing to become involved in the wider life of the school enjoying music, dance, sport, technology, appearing on local radio, supporting Parents' Evenings and creating historical castles.

A great number of Year 7 students have also shown themselves to be excellent representative of, and ambassadors for, Ruskin School. They are able to welcome guests, represent their form, organise charity events and promote the environment.

I am extremely proud of the year group and look forward to continuing as their Year Achievement Manager in September. One of the first tasks they will have in September will be to look at their aspirations for Year 8 and how they will continue build on the great foundation that they have laid in Year 7. Thank you for your continued support.

I hope you have a great, restful, summer.



Attendance at Ruskin

As you will be aware, attendance is always a key focus at Ruskin. Attendance at school is essential in order for students to make the progress they are capable of and succeed during their time at secondary school.

We give students the challenge of having 95% attendance or above and anything lower than this can have a big impact on students learning, as you can see from the chart below:

	Short term impact	In a year	In a school career
100%	Full attendance	190 days learning	Full attendance—no learning lost
95%	Good Attendance		
94%	Half a day off per fortnight	2 week learning lost	10 weeks learning lost
90%	A day off each fortnight	A month's learning lost	Over half a year's learning lost
85%	A day and a half off each fortnight	Nearly half a terms learning lost	The equivalent of missing Year 11
80%	A day off a week	Over half a terms learning lost	A full years learning lost

We are aware that Covid illness has had an impact on students' attendance. We do also know that on occasions, absence is unavoidable. On these occasions, we do ask that you contact the school every day that your child is absent. If we do not get information on this, your child's absence will be marked as unauthorised. One day is worth two absences (am and pm registration) and ten unauthorised absences could result in you being fined by the Local Authority.

Our preferred method for reporting absence from school is via the Class Charts app. Your child should have the details for you to log in to the app/website in their planner. If you do not have this, they will be given out again at the start of the new academic year, or please contact the school. You can now also track your child's attendance every day on Class Charts.

From September 2022, we will be contacting parents and carers more regularly to inform, discuss and celebrate attendance. We look forward to working with you in order to support your child attending school.

It has been fantastic to see so many of our students still achieving excellent attendance this year and those that have still managed to achieve 100% attendance. We look forward to welcoming all students back in September and encouraging all to attend every day.

Mrs Harrison: Senior Assistant Headteacher



Some Gentle Reminders:

UNIFORM

Please remember:

- **NO** sculptured haircuts, including patterns, are allowed and hair length must be at least a Grade 2 or above.
- Hair should be a natural colour.
- No shaved eyebrows.
- Only plain ear studs are allowed, one in each ear lobe.
- Trainers are not allowed.
- No painted or gel nails.

MOBILE PHONES

Mobile phones are to be switched off at all times.

Mobile phones are not to be used in school. If students are found to be using their phone, it will be confiscated and a parent will be asked to collect it from the School Office.

Students should not use their mobile phones to contact parents throughout the school day.

Phones taken on a Friday will be returned to the student at the end of the school day. Parents will be informed.

SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

- Pencil case
- Pen (black)
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Calculator
- Maths Set

Calculators and Maths sets can be purchased from the Mathematics department or School Office:
Calculator £9
Maths Set £1.50
Both £10





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Hiring our Facilities

If you are looking for some excellent training facilities or considering holding a birthday party, sports event or get together, Ruskin Community High School has versatile facilities to hire at very competitive prices. Please contact the School Office: 01270 560514 or email: enquiries@ruskin.cheshire.sch.uk to check availability.

Facilities available to hire:

Sports Field

Astro Turf (note: no blades or studs allowed)

Indoor & Outside Netball Courts

Dining Hall

Sports Hall

School Hall

Class Rooms



CURRENT VACANCIES AT RUSKIN

Lettings Officer

Cleaner

Exam Invigilators

Please contact the school for further details: 01270 560514

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Pay online...

For peace of mind



A convenient way to pay

Parents can now book and pay securely online for a range of items using a debit/credit card or through PayPoint. Paying Online gives you the peace of mind that comes with knowing that your money has reached school safely and is used for its intended purpose.

How to pay online...

- Step 1 – Have your activation letter ready
- Step 2 – Login at www.parentpay.com
- Step 3 – Follow instructions to activate account
- Step 4 – Click on 'Items for payment'

For balance alerts – Click on 'Alerts' to set text/email alerts

“No more having to look for change or writing cheques. It’s so easy now”

ParentPay Parent





**Ruskin Community High School
HOLIDAY DATES 2022 / 23**

	<i>Date of Closing</i>			<i>Date of Re-Opening</i>		
Autumn Term Begins	*****			Monday	5 th	September
Autumn Half-Term	Friday	21 st	October	Tuesday	1 st	November
Christmas 2022/2023	Wednesday	21 st	December	Wednesday	4 th	January
Spring Half-Term	Friday	17 th	February	Monday	27 th	February
Easter	Friday	31 st	March	Monday	17 th	April
May Day	Friday	28 th	April	Tuesday	2 nd	May
Summer Half-Term	Friday	26 th	May	Monday	5 th	June
Summer	Wednesday	19 th	July	*****		

INSET: Designated staff training/preparation days:

- Thursday 1st September
- Friday 2nd September
- Monday 31st October
- Monday 5th December
- Monday 3rd July

New Timings of the School Day from September 2022

Monday—Friday	Years 7 & 8	Monday—Friday	Years 9, 10 & 11
AM Form Tutor	8.40-9.00	AM Form Tutor	8.40-9.00
L1	9.00-10.00	L1	9.00-10.00
Break	10.00-10.15	L2	10.00-11.00
L2	10.15-11.15	Break	11.00-11.15
L3(PM Reg12.15-12.20)	11.15-12.20	L3(PM Reg12.15-12.20)	11.15-12.20
Lunch	12.20-1.00	L4	12.20-1.20
L4	1.00-2.00	Lunch	1.20-2.00
L5	2.00-3.00	L5	2.00-3.00

