

Dear Parents/ Carers,

20 July 2023

Professional Development Days and End of Summer Term Arrangements

I am writing to inform you that we will have a Staff Professional Development Day on Thursday 13th July 2023. The school will be closed to all students.

I would also like to remind you that the last day in school for students will be Friday 21st July 2023. Arrangements for the last day in school are as follows:

- Students must arrive at school at their normal start times.
- Students will have shortened lessons for periods for the day.
- Students will be dismissed off site at 12:00pm

The school will reopen for the autumn term from Monday 4th September 2023 as follows:

- Monday 4th September Whole Staff Professional Development Day
- Tuesday 5th September New Year 7 and New Year 12 Induction
All other students will have work set online during this morning and expected to log in to Microsoft Teams

Whole Staff Professional Development Day (pm only)
- Wednesday 6th September Whole Staff Professional Development (am only)
Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13 in school at 11:30am
- Thursday 7th September All Year groups in school

Returns of uniform and revision materials

We kindly ask all our families and especially parents of Year 10 students, to recycle uniform which will not be required or may now be too small. Please ensure items are cleaned and in good condition before donating. We look forward to seeing our Year 11 students smartly dressed in the new black uniform of Year 11 from September. If you are interested in sourcing second-hand uniform from the school, please email the school or ask at Reception and someone will contact you to make the necessary arrangements. We would also appreciate the return of any revision materials which your children will no longer need if they are still in good condition, and they would like to donate them back to our students in Year 10.

Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA)

May I take this opportunity to encourage as many parents as possible to contribute further to the life of the school. Please consider attending the PTFA meetings and contact Ms Grover via hgrover@rooksheath.harrow.sch.uk if you would like to participate. I would like to give a special thanks



to all the members of the PTFA who have provided tremendous support for the school and the voice of the parents throughout this year.

So many students have thrived at Rooks Heath School, and we will take the opportunity to celebrate our student achievements throughout the year with **Celebration Evenings** as follows:

Tuesday 4th July, 5:00 – 6:30pm – Years 8 and 9 Celebration Evening
Wednesday 12th July, 5:00 – 6:00pm – Year 7 Celebration Evening

The events will take place in our school hall. Further information will be shared with the respective Year groups by the Heads of Year.

Our annual **Open Evening** on Tuesday 12th September for families considering secondary school places for their children. Students will have a half day on this day to allow for preparations for the PPE. Students will also have a late start from 10:10 (period 2) on Wednesday 13th September.

Summer Fair and Culture Evening: We hope to see many of you once again at this event taking place on Tuesday 11th July 2023 from 4:00pm – 7.30pm (see flyer below). It will be a welcome opportunity for us all to enjoy some community spirit. We are very fortunate to have a school community that can be excited about celebrating our diversity. I hope you will join us.

We look forward to more celebrations when we receive the results from the first set of examinations taken by our students since 2019. A reminder of the exam results days:

A Level Exam Results day: Thursday 17th August 2023
GCSE / KS4 Exam Results Day: Thursday 24th August 2023

Please keep an eye on the [Examinations](#) section of our website for further details.

Thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support throughout the year. We have enjoyed providing a high-quality of education and welfare support for your children and appreciate the support and engagement from our parent / carer community. Please do take some time to read our [Summer Newsletter](#) to see a summary of highlights from our academic year 2022 – 2023. You may find it helpful for your planning, to also look at the term dates for the 2023 – 2024 academic year on our [website](#).

I hope you all have a very safe and enjoyable summer holiday and hope to see you at Culture Day.

Yours sincerely,



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CULTURE
Day

Tuesday 11th July

The Rooks Heath Student Council invites you to celebrate our community & diversity

NON-UNIFORM DAY

We are inviting all students to come to school in cultural clothing. This can be traditional dress or clothes that highlight something they are passionate about.

£1 donation with all proceeds going to School Council projects that benefit all students

CULTURE EVENING

An evening to celebrate our school community

**MUSIC ACTIVITIES FOOD
FASHION DRAMA STALLS**

Entry is free (spaces are limited) • School Hall
Doors at 4pm for stalls and activities • Music and Drama from 5.30pm

