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Dear parents/carers

Re: Trust update, autumn term 2026

I am writing to share some Trust-wide developments and information regarding the first half of the autumn term.

- Student activities booklet

The student activities booklet 2026-2027 was shared earlier this half term (click here). This term's activities include the following:

- ➢ The annual poetry project was launched with students across Years 5 to 8 focusing on a different poem each week for the next four weeks on the theme of self-discovery and feelings. Students have been encouraged to share their thoughts and feedback through an internal blog.
- ➢ The annual maths competition was held at Ruislip High on Wednesday 14th October 2026 for Year 5 to 7 students with each school having two teams of four students. The overall winning team was from Field End, with Oak Farm and Hermitage in second and third places respectively.
- ➢ The Trust's third biennial environmental sustainability week is being arranged (click here) on the theme of reducing the use of single-use plastics as well as microplastics. For the first time, the Trust is hosting Model United Nations activities at Vyners, involving students from all Trust schools. The Trust-led activities will include a keynote speaker as well as daily quizzes and a Trust-wide competition for the image and slogan, which will be displayed on the front cover of the special edition newsletter about the week (click here for the winning ones from 2024). Schools are leading on specific activities and will provide information to their school communities. All Trust-wide communication about the week will be shared via the Trust's website (click here).

- Smart glasses

As many parents and carers will be aware, some smart glasses, and similar devices, have the functionality of being able to take photographs, record video or audio, livestream, or transmit what the wearer can see or hear because they have an inbuilt camera and microphone. Within the national context of reducing mobile devices in schools, school and Trust leaders have agreed that students will not be permitted to have personal smart glasses, or other personal wearable or body-worn devices, capable of capturing, recording or transmitting images, video or audio on school premises or during related school activities, such as school trips. This includes, for example:

- ➢ smart glasses containing a camera or microphone;
- ➢ wearable or body-worn cameras; and/or
- ➢ other personal wearable devices capable of discreetly recording or transmitting audio or visual information.

This rule applies even if a student states that the recording function is switched off, as staff cannot be expected to determine whether a device is active at any particular time. Whilst the Trust's behaviour policy has been updated to state that smart glasses are a prohibited item, it is worth noting that individual requests in relation to accessibility will be considered on a case-by-case basis in terms of making reasonable adjustments. I trust parents and carers are reassured that this is a prompt response to emerging technology, which will ensure that students, staff and visitors to schools can be confident that they are not being recorded, photographed or their image transmitted without their knowledge and consent.

- Families new to the Trust

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome family members who are new to the Trust this September, including drawing their attention to the Trust's approach to policies and protocols. The majority of policies have a Part A and Part B structure, with the former being Trust-wide as it is based on the principles and statutory requirements, whereas Part B is school-based and contains contextual information. The Trust has developed an executive summary of policies for parents, which is updated each term, providing succinct information on the main points that parents should be aware of in relation to policies that have a Part A and Part B structure (click here).

- New statutory policy: allergy safety

In response to new statutory guidance from the Department for Education, the Trust has introduced an allergy safety policy (click here) to ensure a consistent approach to managing allergies across all schools. The policy sets out arrangements for identifying and supporting students with allergies, reducing the risk of exposure to allergens and ensuring that staff are trained and equipped to respond promptly to allergic reactions, including anaphylaxis. This includes maintaining allergy registers, ensuring appropriate access to emergency medication and making reasonable adjustments so that students with allergies can participate fully and safely in school life. Parents and carers are reminded of the importance of informing their child's school of any allergies and keeping medical information and prescribed medication up to date.

- Stakeholder engagement

The Trust has reviewed and updated its stakeholder engagement framework to ensure a more consistent and streamlined approach to gathering feedback across all schools. As part of this, parents and carers will now be invited to complete one survey annually, with the timing of this determined by individual schools. The survey will use the questions from Ofsted's Parent View, ensuring parity across the Trust and enabling feedback to be considered and compared consistently. This approach will also reduce the number of surveys parents and carers are asked to complete whilst ensuring that their views continue to inform school and Trust-wide evaluation and improvement.

I hope parents and carers find this information useful, especially those who are new to our Trust-wide community.

Yours sincerely



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