



# RIDGEWAY HIGH SCHOOL BULLETIN

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## Dear Parents

We held a second Open Evening on Monday, followed on Tuesday by the first of our Open Mornings, when prospective parents can visit us during the working day and see the school in action. A second Open Morning is on Friday 11 October. I have been delighted with the turnout at this year's Open Events so far: we have seen well over 200 families come to look around.



Our Open Events would not be the same without the active participation of our student senior leadership team [pictured above right] and a small army of student volunteers who do so much to make our visitors feel welcome. I am also thrilled that the word is spreading that Ridgeway High School is an exciting place to be. Some parents have, of course, visited before, but many were here for the first time, eager to explore our wonderful building and learn more about us.

We also held our 'Welcome to Year 11' evening last Thursday — an opportunity right at the start of this hugely important year to meet with parents of Year 11 students. At events like this, we outline the steps we will be taking to support students and offer guidance on how parents can best support their child. It is also a chance to talk about the pressures and challenges that the months leading up to GCSE examinations inevitably bring.

Today is the first Charter Day of this academic year. [You can read much more about the Ridgeway Charter on our website.](#) Year 7 are out and about walking the Wirral Way. Year 8 are focusing on topics relating to mental health, bullying and puberty. Year 9 are taking part in a creativity and enterprise day, encompassing subjects from across the curriculum. Futures education for Year 10 involves exploring two online platforms we use — GCSEPod and Start — as well as thinking about work experience and revision strategies. Year 11 are preparing for upcoming mock exams.

[The Charter is linked to our five LEARN for Success elements — Leadership, Endurance, Aspiration, Respect and Nurture.](#) Our achievement-points system — one of the main ways that we reward students — is also linked to LEARN. We award achievement points to students who go above and beyond what we expect of all students — taking on a particular role in a lesson, for example, by leading a groupwork task or demonstrating something on the board in front of the class. In these examples, students are demonstrating leadership qualities.

I mentioned above that Year 8 are taking part in a mental health awareness session, delivered by our safeguarding officer Mrs Hodgson and our well-being mentor Mrs Ellis. They will discuss with Year 8s what mental health is, and signs and symptoms associated with mental health problems, particularly stress. The session ties in with World Mental Health Day, which is fast approaching.

Awareness-raising 'days' are important because they help us to commemorate, celebrate or focus attention on a person or issue of particular significance and importance. Last week, we celebrated Roald Dahl Day. Yesterday, students sold cakes and we welcomed visitors to the library as part of the Macmillan Coffee Morning. In form time, students have been marking the European Day of Languages and, next week, we have the twenty-fifth anniversary of National Poetry Day.

**Tony Taylor**  
**Headteacher**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Monday 30 September: Year 11 Mock Exam Week
- Thursday 10 October: Wirral Sports Forum Awards Evening at Hulme Hall
- Friday 11 October: Open Morning, 9.30am to 11.30am