



RIDGEWAY HIGH SCHOOL BULLETIN

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Dear Parents

Welcome to this first bulletin of 2020. I hope that everyone found time to rest and relax as well as enjoying the break and the festivities.

January — the start of a new year — is a perfect time for making resolutions — or, to put it another way, starting as you mean to go on.

Here at Ridgeway we used the first day back on Monday as an opportunity to remind students of our expectations, particularly regarding standards of behaviour. Our message is a clear one: we expect students to be Ready to learn,

Respectful of each other and of the environment, and Safe in the manner in which they behave and conduct themselves. We also emphasised our school rule that outdoor coats are not to be worn inside the building.



This is, of course, a very important six months for year 11s, as they build towards their GCSE exams in the summer. Yesterday was their final parents' evening, an opportunity for students and their families to discuss current progress with subject teachers and to map out the coming months, particularly the additional exam-preparation work required to ensure that they achieve their goals. As always, we will support the students every step of the way. Maths Saturday School, for example, runs from 9am to 12pm and gets underway this weekend. Breakfast is provided! [Our current intervention timetable can be viewed online.](#)

I hope you enjoyed reading [the latest packed issue of Ridgeway New Times](#). Print deadlines mean that events in the final week of term will feature in the next issue. It was certainly an extremely busy end to the term. PE's Winter Games were as competitive and enjoyable as ever. Well done to this year's winners, Teresa House. Well done, too, to the members of PE's new student leadership academy [pictured above]. They helped with the smooth running of the day's events, two years after they themselves participated in the inaugural Winter Games!

Extra-curricular clubs are back up and running in PE and elsewhere. For those struggling to come up with their own new year's resolution, one obvious, easy-to-achieve resolution is to attend at least one extra-curricular club this term.

The year 7s had a great time on their science trip to Chester Zoo on the final Wednesday. Thursday was a busy and successful House Day. Our end-of-term house achievement assemblies are a wonderful opportunity to congratulate the many students who attend regularly, work hard and behave well.

I was particularly delighted to see so many students on our attendance reward trip to New Brighton on the Tuesday. Another important resolution for students to adopt this term is to attend school every single day. If they achieve this, they will be eligible for the next attendance reward trip at the beginning of April.

A reminder that we are now selling pencil cases containing basic equipment — two black pens, a purple pen, a pencil, a 15cm ruler and an eraser — in school for £1. They are available in the refectory during form time from our student voice team.

And finally this week, [the January 2020 online-safety newsletter is now on the school website](#). Always informative, it is even more of a must-read after the Christmas period. Previous newsletters are also available to read and/or download.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tuesday 21 January: Trips to the Houses of Parliament and the V&A Museum
- Wednesday 29 January: Holocaust Memorial Day and RE trip to Scotland
- Thursday 6 February: MFL PiXL Conferences