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Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 9 2011-2012

Just a few quick points of news and information for you as we approach the end of term.

Firstly, we are delighted with the way in which the pupils have coped with the transition from following all Key Stage 3 courses in Year 8 to the inclusion of Key Stage 4 courses in Year 9. It is still early days, but the indicators are that most pupils have settled into their new courses happily and well. If this does not appear to be the case with your son/daughter, please let us know.

Secondly, we are fortunate that the pastoral team remains much the same for next year. However, there will be a few changes. Mr Taylor, who has been attached to our year team for the last year is taking over 9TG whilst Miss Trought is away. Mr Matthews, one of our support tutors is leaving Rossett; we wish him all the best in his new school. I know he will be missed by us all but particularly by GB. Miss Corcoran, who has worked closely with MG is becoming a tutor in the Year 7 team. Mrs Strowbridge is also becoming a Year 7 tutor and Mrs Henshall a Sixth Form tutor. We would like to say thank you for all their hard work with the year group and wish them all the best in their new posts.

The Full Pastoral Team for next year is as follows:

Tutor Groups

X	9 BD	Mrs K Boland
X	9 BU	Mr M Bulmer
X	9 GB	Miss S Gibson
X	9 MG	Mrs A McLurg
Y	9 JS	Mr S Jacobs
Y	9 NM	Mrs L Normand
Y	9 TR	Mr S Taylor
Y	9 TL	Miss B Tolliday

Support: Mr P Bourgeois
Mrs P Everingham
Miss J Brady
Mr E Dyke
Mrs C Hughes

Achievement Co-ordinator: Mrs S Henderson

Student Support Officer: Mrs G Reynolds

While most of our students have had excellent attendance this year, we have continued to be concerned about the number of school days some pupils have missed through going on holiday, attending doctor or dentist appointments etc in term time. This is very disruptive to their education and is proven to hinder their progress. As all pupils are now on Key Stage 4 courses, it is even more vital that they attend school as much as possible. To help you plan for next year we have attached a list of 'Important Dates for Year 9' to this letter.

If your son/daughter is ill, most of you ring or email Mrs Reynolds. Thank you for doing this and please continue to do so. We realise that it may be difficult for some parents to let us know but we ask that you do try, as it is time consuming for Mrs Reynolds to ring you and sometimes inconvenient for you to receive a call from us.

We have tried during the year to become as 'paperless' as possible with most of you accessing eportal information and reports using your unique passwords. If you are struggling with this, please email help@rossettschool.co.uk . Someone will reply and give you the login details again (please note the change of email as we have become an academy and are no longer part of North Yorkshire County Council).

If you have recently acquired an email address and would like to have access via the internet, please send a letter requesting login details and include your email address, to the General Office.

As with the accomplishments in Year 7, the highlights and achievements of the year are too numerous to give full details. Year 8 pupils were fantastic on the sponsored walk in the autumn, taking part willingly and cheerfully and raising an amazing £4,911! MG raised the highest amount for an individual form, with £1196.90. Other fund raising events were for Children in Need and Comic Relief. As a year group we were heavily involved in the 'bags2schools' fundraiser.

Other achievements include the academic progress of the pupils, with the overall attainment levels compared with targets and average effort levels both rising over the year. A huge number of merits have been awarded too, resulting in many postcards and certificates being posted home, including two students who have received their 300 merit certificate!

There have also been many sporting successes, outdoor pursuit trips, first aid events, drama and music performances, art competitions and several enterprise activities. We continue to be very proud of them individually and as a year group. It is a privilege to see our students maturing and Mrs Reynolds and I are looking forward to being part of their development next year.

Thank you once again for your help and support this year. Please keep working with us through next year and in the meantime we hope you enjoy the summer break.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Henderson
Achievement Co-ordinator for Year 9

Mrs G Reynolds
Student Support Officer for Year 9

Autumn Term 2011

Thursday	Sept		1 Training Day - pupils not in school 2 Only years 7 and 12 in
Monday			5 All years in
Monday			12 GCSE Geography fieldwork 15 GCSE Art trip Bowes Museum 16 BTEC Climbing Assessment
Monday			19 GCSE Geography field trip 22 GCSE Geography field trip
Monday	Oct		3 Training Day -pupils not in school 7 BTEC Day walk
			14 US Trip departs
			19 Grades available to parents HALF TERM
Monday		22nd -30th	31 GCSE Drama exam
	Nov		3 GCSE Drama Exam
Monday			7 GCSE Drama Exam
Monday			14 GCSE Business Controlled Assessment
Monday			21 Training Day - pupils not in school
Thursday	Dec		1 GCSE Business Controlled
Tuesday		7th - 9th	6 Dress Rehearsal School Production School Production
Wednesday			14 Grades available to parents
Thursday			15 YEAR 9 PARENTS EVENING
Tuesday			20 Last day of term

Spring Term 2012

Friday	Jan		6 Training Day - pupils not in school
Monday		10th - 12th	9 School returns MFL GCSE orals

Monday			16 MFL Controlled Assessment 19 GCSE Drama Exam
Monday			23 GCSE Drama Exam 26 GCSE Drama Exam
Thursday	Feb		2 GCSE OPTIONS EVENING
Friday		11th - 19th	10 Ski Trip departs HALF TERM
Monday			20 School restarts
Monday	March		19 GCSE Practicals all week 21 GCSE Recital evening 21 Grades available to parents PE trip
		22nd to 25th	22 GCSE Drama Exams 22 Music Practical Exam
Monday			26 GCSE deadline for DT 30 Last day of term
		31st March - April 15th	EASTER HOLIDAY
Monday	April		16 School restarts MFL Orals
		17th - 18th	19 GCSE Art Exam 19 DT Celebrations evening
		20th - 22nd	Year 9 Hill Walking Residential 20 MFL Orals
			26 MFL Controlled Assessments
Monday	May		7 BANK HOLIDAY 11 BTEC Navigation Day Year 9
		18th -20th	Climbing Residential
			23 Grades to parents
	June	2nd - 10th	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday	June		11 School restarts
Monday	June		18 Sports Day 20 Summer Spectacular
		22nd - 24th	Canoeing Residential
Monday			25 New Timetable starts Music tour
		28th - July 1st	

Monday

July 2nd - 3rd

BTEC Expedition
6 RHIO Training Day - pupils not in school

Friday

20 Last day of term