



**ROSSETT SCHOOL**

**OPEN DAY**

**SATURDAY 9 OCTOBER 2010**

**“Rossett enriches the lives of young people”**



Welcome to our Open Day and thank you for showing interest in Rossett School.

I have been in post for over five years as Headteacher and in that time I like to think that a lot of positive things have happened. One thing that is abundantly clear is the quality of the teaching and support staff. In short, they are superb. In a relatively short time we have achieved a number of different things, none of which would have been possible without their commitment.

The school is a well-resourced 11-18 Maths and Computing College which, having increased its numbers steadily over recent years, is now almost full. The improvement in school performance and facilities has been a main priority since I took up post. Many areas have been refurbished and much has been added to the ICT infrastructure. This vision has ensured that the whole school has become 'electronic' with all attendance, assessment, recording, reporting and student tracking now taking place electronically. The enhancement of teaching and learning through ICT continues to be a major priority.

One major aim of the school is to continue to improve attainment. A considerable amount of effort has been involved in this over the last few years with the result that from 2006 - 2009, we were listed by the Specialist School and Academies Trust (SSAT) in their 'most improved schools' league table. In addition, in 2009 we were recognised in the 'High Attaining School' and 'Value Added' SSAT tables.

Our GCSE examination results this year were the best ever with 96% of our students gaining 5+A\*-C, and 70% gaining 5+A\*-C including English and Maths. Of course we were delighted to be judged 'Outstanding' by Ofsted in June this year, not least because this recognition is only given to 11% of schools nationally.

However, education is not just about examination results and at Rossett we offer a range of opportunities including music, sport, drama, outdoor pursuits and many other clubs and societies.

We are a happy, secure school with a very welcoming and open approach and we are rigorously professional about raising standards for all our students. We hope that you enjoy your morning here and see for yourselves that Rossett 'enriches the lives of young people'.

Pat Hunter  
Headteacher

**Headteacher Keynote Address  
(as given on Thursday evening)**

10.00 and 11.15 in the Main Hall

Prospective parents from **out of the normal area for the school** (e.g. Leeds, Ripon) should discuss admissions with Mr Thompson (Assistant Head) or Mr McIntosh (Assistant Head). They are available in the administration offices beside the Resource Centre

**FAQ**

With Year 7 staff in the Resource Centre 10.45-12.15 - please drop in.

## **Where to find things**

Admissions (out-of-area)	Administration offices by Resource Centre
Art	A2, A3 (Design/Technology Block)
Business Studies	P3 (Pullan Block)
Careers, Work Related Learning & Enterprise	P3 (Pullan Block)
Drama	DW1 & DW2
English	Rooms 7 → 13 (Upper Classroom Block)
Geography	J2 → J4 (Junior Block)
Gifted & Talented	Resource Centre
Hair & Beauty	R S Perfection (Bungalow front of school)
History	J1, J6, J7 (Junior Block)
ICT(Information & Communication Technology)	Room JC2 (Junior Block) and PC9
Library	Resource Centre
Maths	P5 → P8 (Pullan Block)
Modern Foreign Languages	Rooms 1 → 5 and RC6 (Lower Classroom Block)
Music	Music Block and Main Hall
Outdoor Pursuits	Sports Hall (Climbing Wall)
PSHE, Health & Social Care	P4 (Pullan Block)
Policy and Practice	Senior Staff in Reception all day
Psychology	Junior Block
Question & Answer Session	Resource Centre 10.45 – 12.15
Refreshments	Technology Corridor (PTA)* H3 Café (Junior Block)
Religion, Ethic & Philosophy	J5 (Junior Block)
Science	L2, L4, L10, L11, (Science Block)
Sociology	Junior Block
Special Educational Needs	The Bridge (Upper Classroom Block)
Sports Studies	Sports Hall, Gym, All weather pitch, Fields
Technology	T1, T4 & Computer Area (Design/Technology Block) H1 → H3 (Junior Block)
Toilets	see plan

\*If you would like to chat with parents of children already at Rossett why not have a cup of tea or coffee with members of the PTA at the Science end of the Technology corridor.

## **What's going on?**

The following information gives a flavour of the range of activities and exhibits around the school. Wherever you go there will be students and staff to talk to and displays of work, resources and teaching materials to look at. Used with the list, "Where to find things!", and the Programme on the back cover, this should enable you to find out everything there is to know about Rossett.

### **Arts Faculty**

#### **Art**

A2 – Mixed Media Colour Wheel – Testing the theory of colour - Mrs Heron & Miss Fitzgerald.

A3 – Creative Bookmarks – Mrs Davison.

#### **Music**

Venture into the Music Block to see the range of Music Technology facilities on offer and observe some Key Stage 3 lessons in action. See if you are smarter than an eleven year old in a Year 7 music lesson. Take a seat in the school hall to see some of our extra curricular groups rehearsing for their concert next week. Please see the Programme of Timed Events for more detailed information.

#### **Drama**

Visit the Drama Department – we are in DW1 (the purpose built drama studio outside Junior block) and DW2 (at the top of the school near Reception). Over the morning you can observe a BTEC rehearsal for their up and coming performance evening. You can also observe a KS3 Shakespeare workshop or would you like to go along and take part in a mask workshop. Please see the programme for detailed timings for the events.

### **Design Technology Faculty**

In addition to extensive displays of student work there will be opportunities to make a plastic twirl and a laser cut product. Some DT students will be working on the computers using computer-aided design (CAD) and in a practical workshop in T4. The Food Department is to be found in the Junior Block and students from Year 9 and 10 will be preparing a range of baked goods which will be sold in the 'Food Technology Café' in H3. Visitors will be able to experience 'Computer Aided Design' within the textiles area and will use the CAD sewing machines to apply designs to simple bookmarks in H2.

### **English Faculty**

The rooms will be open for parents to see examples of work from Year 7 to A Level. Room 8 will be showing some exciting examples of AS/A2 Media Studies practical production work. To celebrate National Poetry Day, which was this week, come along and add to our ever growing poem. Get involved in an English lesson - everyone welcome! A variety of lesson activities will be taking place throughout the morning.

On the main landing we will be looking for volunteers to play 'Giant Boggle'. Can you make it on to our high score board? Come and challenge the department!

### **Gifted & Talented**

Information about the extensive programme for Gifted & Talented students is available in the Resource Centre, together with displays of some of the recent activities such as the 'Summer School 2009'. There are opportunities to 'have a go' too ... try learning a bit of Latin, take the opportunity to learn some Chinese, construct a complex mathematical shape, or solve the mystery 'who has a fish as a pet?'

### **ICT/Business Faculty**

#### **ICT**

Rooms JC2 and PC9 are two of the main ICT teaching rooms. You will have the opportunity to log on to the network and try out some of the skills students learn here. The specialist ICT team will be on hand to help with the various applications and explain the structure behind the delivery of ICT courses at Rossett.

#### **Business Education**

Come and join us in Business Studies to see if you can distinguish between a number of crisp brands in our 'taste the difference' crisp tasting game. We also have a range of interactive software to access business concepts such as finance. A range of materials will be on display covering BTEC, GCSE Business Studies, AS and A2 Business and AS and A2 Applied Business. All in P3!

## **Maths Faculty**

P5 Be an Egyptian for a day and contribute to the building of a giant pyramid. See an engineered fractal structure in the making.

P6 A carousel of mathematical quizzes and problems.

PC7 In the computer suite there will be a selection of maths programmes. Parents - test your speed against your children on the 'Bingo' multiplication game. There will be a prize for the fastest time from the day.

P8 The 'Materials' room. You will see the schemes of work, the text books used and some of the students' work.

## **Modern Foreign Languages Faculty**

Watch and take part in a Year 7 Spanish lesson (Room 4 at 10am and/or Room 3 at 11.30am). If you fancy a bit of French, 'rendez-vous' at 10.30am in Room 1 and/or at 11am in Room 5.

Discover the latest technology used in MFL teaching in rooms 1 and 3. Have a go yourself on interactive software in RC6 (9.30am – 12.30pm).

## **Personal Development Vocational Education Faculty**

Subjects in this faculty include Health & Social Care, Travel & Tourism, Hair & Beauty, Child Development and the Certificate of Personal Effectiveness (CoPE). We have responsibility for the organisation of Personal, Social, Health, Economic, Citizenship and Careers Education across the school curriculum as well as Enterprise. Come to P4 to see how student learning and development is encouraged on a personal level. There will be displays of the students' work, resources and teaching materials used in both P3 and P4.

The Hair & Beauty tuition takes place in our own Hair & Beauty Salon – RS Perfection. You can find the salon located in the bungalow at the left hand side of the car park at the front of the school. Come along and take part in some nail art.

## **Science Faculty**

How many cups of coffee do you have in the morning? Find out what physical effects that little bit of caffeine has on your heart and your brain in Lab 2. There are pulse meters, reaction tests and a model neuron will help explain all and while you wait you can explore the micro-organisms that populate your local pond. In Lab 4 chemistry is the way to go with flames, explosions and the art of alchemy transforming your copper coins into gold. In Lab 10 see the electromagnetic spectrum in a whole new light with lasers, prisms, strobes and a radiotherapy simulation. If you want to see how science teaching at Rossett starts go to Lab 11 which has a collection of KS3 experiments and demonstrations ranging from elephant's toothpaste to unusual uses of red cabbage! You can also see work from our current year 7 cohort.

## **Social Science Faculty**

Subjects in this faculty include Geography, History, Psychology, Religion, Ethic & Philosophy and Sociology. A variety of displays of teaching materials, resources and student work are to be found throughout the Junior Block. There are opportunities to use the equipment of the school Globetrotter Club (Room J4) and there will be some medieval displays in J6 created by the History Department.

## **Special Educational Needs**

Mr Scrimger (Director of Access & Inclusion) will be available in the newly refurbished Inclusion facility and will be pleased to discuss Special Educational Needs provision. Specialist support staff will also be in 'The Bridge' to discuss all issues surrounding inclusion.

## **Sports Studies Faculty**

In addition to the programme of sports activities (see back cover) there will be displays of work and resources and videos of major events - such as Sports Day - on the top floor of the Sports Block.

### **Outdoor Education Department**

This is an important part of the curriculum at Rossett with a range of residential trips available and this subject is an option in Key Stage 4. A taster session on the school's climbing wall, a rare facility in a state school, will run in the Sports Hall between 10.30 – 11.45am.

## **Programme of Timed Events**

<b>09.00 – 10.00</b>	<b>School Hall</b>	<b>Rossett Jazz Rehearsal</b>
<b>09.00 – 10.00</b>	<b>M1</b>	<b>Year 7 Music Lesson</b>
<b>09.00 – 10.00</b>	<b>M2</b>	<b>GCSE Ensemble Performance Lesson</b>
<b>09.00 – 12.00</b>	<b>DW1</b>	<b>BTEC Performing Arts Rehearsal - KS4 + 5</b>
<b>09.00 – 10.45</b>	<b>DW2</b>	<b>Mask Workshop Activities Year 7 + 8</b>
<b>09.30 – 10.30</b>	<b>Tennis Courts 3G Astroturf Sports Hall 3G Astroturf</b>	<b>Netball Years 7 &amp; 8 Boys Football Year 7 v 8 Basketball Mixed Hockey</b>
<b>09.45 – 11.45</b>	<b>Lab 2</b>	<b>Science – Adult/Child group work session</b>
<b>10.00 – 10.30</b>	<b>Main Hall</b>	<b>Headteacher’s keynote address</b>
<b>10.00 – 10.15</b>	<b>P8</b>	<b>Maths – Circles &amp; The Solar System</b>
<b>10.00 – 12.00</b>	<b>RC6</b>	<b>MFL teaching using interactive softboard</b>
<b>10.00 – 10.30</b>	<b>Room 4</b>	<b>Spanish Lesson</b>
<b>10.00 – 11.00</b>	<b>M1</b>	<b>Year 8 Music Lesson</b>
<b>10.30 – 11.15</b>	<b>School Hall</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>10.30 – 11.00</b>	<b>Room 1</b>	<b>French Lesson</b>
<b>10.30 – 12.00</b>	<b>Sports Hall Sports Hall Sports Hall</b>	<b>Cricket Nets Trampolining Climbing Demonstration and “have a go”!</b>
<b>10.30 – 11.30</b>	<b>Gym</b>	<b>Cheerleading</b>
<b>10.30 – 12.00</b>	<b>3G &amp; Grass Pitch</b>	<b>Girls Football U14 and U16 v Richmond</b>
<b>10.45 – 12.15</b>	<b>Resource Centre</b>	<b>Question &amp; Answer session with Y7 staff</b>
<b>11.00 – 11.15</b>	<b>P8</b>	<b>Maths – Circles &amp; The Solar System</b>
<b>11.00 – 11.30</b>	<b>Room 5</b>	<b>French Lesson</b>
<b>11.00 – 12.00</b>	<b>School Field</b>	<b>Year 7 and 8 Rugby Training</b>
<b>11.00 – 12.00</b>	<b>Music Foyer</b>	<b>Concert Band</b>
<b>11.00 – 12.00</b>	<b>DW2</b>	<b>Shakespeare 4 Kidz Workshop - Year 7 + 8</b>
<b>11.15 – 11.45</b>	<b>Main Hall</b>	<b>Headteacher’s keynote address</b>
<b>11.30 – 12.00</b>	<b>Room 3</b>	<b>Spanish Lesson</b>
<b>12.00 – 12.15</b>	<b>P8</b>	<b>Maths – Circles &amp; The Solar System</b>