



Rossett School – Sixth Form
Specialist Mathematics and Computing College

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WELCOME

to Rossett Sixth Form

We are justifiably proud of our performance and continuing high value-added rating, which has seen us placed towards the top of the A level performance scores (ALPs) nationally. With an A level pass rate of almost 100% we are delighted that each year students leave Rossett with excellent qualifications to enter the universities of their choice, including the most prestigious such as Oxford, Cambridge and Durham. Our success is due to the talented and specialist teachers in the school and the hard work of our students. We are a progressive Sixth Form which enables us to offer a wide range of courses.

Whilst students are in the Sixth Form, they are treated as young adults and given the rights and responsibilities associated with that status. I am proud to say that all staff are committed to ensuring we develop the whole person so everyone is valued as an individual with their own personal needs taken into account.

There are a range of extra curricular and enrichment activities enabling students to engage in the life of the school and develop skills, knowledge and experience in preparation for life beyond school.

As you browse through this booklet I am sure you will see that Rossett is the ideal Sixth Form for you to continue the next stage of your education.

I look forward to welcoming you here and in the meantime wish you the best of luck in your forthcoming examinations.

Mrs P Hunter
Headteacher

Student Profile

Beatrice Hill

Subjects chosen:

- Maths
- Further Maths
- Physics
- Spanish (A2)

Why I chose these subjects:

I have always been interested in Maths and knew I would enjoy the A level – alongside the challenge of Further Maths, Physics seemed a natural compliment to them, and Spanish provides a bit of variety. Although I don't yet have a specific career in mind, I am glad that I've chosen subjects I enjoy and I think I can do well in.

Why I like Rossett Sixth Form:

Rossett has been flexible and supportive allowing me to complete AS Spanish in year 10 and continue A2 in year 12. I think all of my teachers are passionate about their subjects and will help me to get the best results I can.



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Life at Rossett

A PLACE TO STUDY

At Rossett we offer a flexible programme to allow students to combine academic and vocational courses which they will find both challenging and enjoyable. With over 30 courses on offer, including AS and A levels as well as BTEC National Diplomas, guidance will be given to students as they make their choice of subjects. We have very good examination results and the vast majority of our students progress to university.

At Rossett we are fortunate to have the benefit of a purpose-built Sixth Form centre, which is a hive of activity and industry throughout the school week. Here you will find tutorial rooms, advanced science laboratories, a study room, café and a social space – solely for the use of Sixth Formers. The Sixth Form café provides hot and cold snacks throughout the day.

STUDENT SUPPORT

Students are supported to achieve the best grades possible and encouraged to develop into independent learners ready for life after Rossett. Students will be part of a tutor group and regular mentoring meetings will be held with the tutor to monitor academic and personal development, set targets and discuss any concerns thus ensuring individuals reach their true potential. A member of the sixth form team is on hand all day to answer queries, provide coaching support and help with daily routines. In addition Careers staff are easily accessible for support and planning.

Our dedicated tutor team provide extensive guidance on the UCAS process and during the 'Next Steps' week held in June, tailored workshops are provided to help students make university applications or applications for work or apprenticeships.

During Year 11 students will be given support in choosing subjects and staff are available on GCSE results day to discuss any change in subject choice in the light of examination results. At the beginning of Year 12 a Subject Fair will be held providing further help and guidance regarding subject choices and combinations prior to enrolment.

Student Profile

Laura Phillips

Subjects chosen:

- Chemistry
- Biology
- Economics
- Maths Stats

Why I chose these subjects:

Because I am not sure what I want to do yet, however I knew that with these subjects I would have a lot of options when I left 6th form. I also enjoy these subjects as I find them interesting and enjoy learning new things.

Why I like Rossett Sixth Form:

I like Rossett Sixth Form because it is quite small therefore everybody knows each other and feels comfortable together. I also think because the classes are smaller you have a better relationship with your class and the teacher and get more chance to ask questions if you are confused with anything. Another good thing is the opportunities – I have been here just over a month and I have already been offered enrichment, listeners, paired reading, aiming higher, help to get into medical school and Duke of Edinburgh and I am sure there are more opportunities to come! Finally, the staff are very supportive, I know if I have any questions to ask about my new lessons or other things I would like to try I have a range of staff to ask.



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Curriculum Enrichment

Aim Higher

We pride ourselves on the vast range of enrichment opportunities at Rossett. All students are encouraged to be involved in the wider school community and develop the "Soft Skills" much desired by admissions tutors and employers. Students on this programme have regular lessons to broaden their intellectual horizons, provoke debate and encourage critical thinking skills. Students from this group will largely be making applications to Oxford, Cambridge and others from the Russell Group of universities.

Listeners

A peer mentoring scheme ('Listeners') offers a training programme to equip Sixth Form students with the listening skills needed to mentor younger students. Our 'Listeners' are highly regarded by staff and students and it is noteworthy that university admissions tutors are always impressed by the effective nature of this scheme.

DMV group

This is a group which meets regularly to support applicants for dentistry, medicine, veterinary medicine and allied health professionals. By gaining support from peers in the year above, students applying for these competitive courses are assisted through the process.

Ambassadors + Sports Ambassadors

Students on these two enrichment programmes help in the wider life of the school and community by liaising with adults and taking a lead role in school events and activities.

Other enrichment opportunities, designed to develop a wide range of transferable skills and foster a sense of responsibility and self-motivation include: lesson support, private study sessions, various sporting activities, drama, music, Young Enterprise, charities week, Duke of Edinburgh and expeditions with True Adventure.

In addition our Personal Development lessons form an integral part of the Sixth Form curriculum where students are engaged in a variety of assemblies, presentations and form-based activities to increase awareness of current issues in preparation for Higher and Further Education and employment.

Students also have an opportunity to participate in the Rossett Volunteer Award (RV Award) achieving Bronze, Silver or Gold in recognition of their contribution to the wider life of the school and local community.

The Sixth Form Committee

The Sixth Form committee is a team of Year 13 students. The committee is led by the Head Boy and Head Girl and meetings are chaired by an elected chairperson. The Sixth Form committee meets on a regular basis and fulfils the following roles:-

- Makes recommendations regarding the day to day running of the Sixth Form
- Provides a student voice on behalf of the student body
- Organises charitable and fund-raising events
- Organises student social events

The meetings provide both a forum for a lively exchange of ideas and an important means of communication between students and the teaching staff.



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If you are interested in joining us at Rossett School please complete the enclosed application form and return it to:
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