

31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

Dear Student/Parent/Carer

Welcome to our half termly review of life at Rossett Sixth Form.

Firstly, we would like to confirm some dates for your diary for next half term:

- 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 – First day of half term
- 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – Year 13 Graduation Ceremony
- 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – Year 13 Final Day of Sixth Form
- 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – Year 13 Study Leave and Exam Period begins
- 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – Last day of half term

### **International Women's Day**

On 8<sup>th</sup> March we celebrated International Women's Day, with Pinky Kornlup, Alice Loring and Poppy Magill organising a number of events throughout the day. These students have been working in partnership with the Harrogate & District Soroptimists since October 2022. Sixth Form tutor Miss Winterschluden led an assembly on the misunderstanding on what feminism is, gender equality, and played a video promoting the #HESHE campaign with the UN.

Sandra Frier, Harrogate & District Soroptimists said:

*"We are currently running a partnership project with the Sixth Form at Rossett School called Sharing our Skills in which three students are gaining valuable experience and transferable skills to take forward into their future and getting involved in community projects to raise awareness of significant worldwide issues. The students have been fantastic at thinking of ways to maximise raising awareness to sixth form students as a celebration of the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women and a call for action to accelerate gender parity." The full article and interview with the students can be read and viewed via the Harrogate Informer.*



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### **Northumbria University Guest Speaker**

At Rossett Sixth Form we pride ourselves on the progression and careers advice and support offered to our students. On 22<sup>nd</sup> March we welcomed a guest speaker from Northumbria University. Students learnt about preparing for university life and how to apply for student finance. This was an engaging and informative session that was thoroughly appreciated by our Year 13 students.



### **Apprenticeships Guest Speakers**

On 1<sup>st</sup> March we welcomed a guest speaker from VQ Solutions. Students learnt about the different types of apprenticeship available, advice on what it takes to succeed as an apprentice and the application process. For further details about progression, including universities, apprenticeships and employment, please contact Mr Durbin at [DN@rossettschool.co.uk](mailto:DN@rossettschool.co.uk).

### **BTEC Exams**

Congratulations to students who received their BTEC examination results on Thursday 23 March. We are very proud of your efforts and there some brilliant results from across the different BTEC subjects.

### **Work Experience**

Year 12 have now finalised their work experience placements which they will undertake in the penultimate week of the academic year; w/c Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July. We hope that all students find this process interesting, informing and inspiring for their future careers. Please contact Mr Durbin (Assistant Head of Sixth Form) at [DN@rossettschool.co.uk](mailto:DN@rossettschool.co.uk) for further information or support.

### **Oxbridge Talk**

Rossett Sixth Form is linked to St Catharine's College at Cambridge University and Brasenose College at Oxford University. We are in regular correspondence with the staff at these colleges who share with us any upcoming events and workshops that they think our students would benefit from. As part of our links with these colleges, a group of Year 12 students were invited to attend a workshop for local schools delivered by staff from Oxford and Cambridge. This workshop looked at the application process to both universities. The students really enjoyed the event, and they received lots of useful guidance and advice. It was also a brilliant opportunity for our students to meet current Oxbridge students and learn more about university life.

### **UCAS and progression update**

Well done to all of the Year 13 students who have now successfully submitted their university applications. The vast majority of students have already had a number of offers back from their chosen destinations and can now focus on making sure they get the grades to meet the entry requirements. The universities have until 18<sup>th</sup> May to respond to all offers. Once all offers are in, students can start to make decisions about firm and insurance places.

### **Personal Development update**

Last half term I wrote to you about our Personal Development Programme undergoing some exciting changes following student voice feedback. This half term both Year 12 and Year 13 students have been focussing on Citizenship. Year 12 students have been focussing on: women's rights, violence against women, conspiracy, extremism and social media and the Law. Year 13 have been looking at: voting at 18, political change and the criminal justice system.

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Next half term Year 12 will be looking at 'Getting Ready for Life Post 18', with sessions on degree apprenticeships, employment, gap years and personal finance. Year 13 will have their final Personal Development sessions before the commencement of study leave, focussing on: living away from home, student finance and cooking quick, easy and nutritious meals.

### **Comic Relief**

We are really proud of all of the fundraising work that happens at Rossett Sixth Form. In addition to raising funds for our chosen Sixth Form charities, on 17<sup>th</sup> March, students came to school in non-uniform and fancy dress and took part in a hugely popular zorbing event to raise money for Comic Relief. We raised over £300 and had a lot of fun as well!



### **Interform Football**

As part of our Form Time Programme, every Friday is 'Feelgood Friday'. This is an opportunity for students to focus on mental health and wellbeing and to enjoy activities outside of academia. This half term, we have had a highly competitive inter form 5-a-side football competition. After group stages and semi-finals, the final was contested between 13RDG and 13DWT, with 13RDG coming out on top with a 3-1 win.



### **Celebration Assembly**

At the end of every half term, Rossett Sixth Form comes together to celebrate the achievements of our fantastic students. Certificates and lanyard achievement badges are awarded for attendance, form awards, form group of the half term and special recognition awards. This half term we welcomed Mr Saunders to hand out some of the awards. Well done to all of our winners.



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### Easter Egg Raffle

Over the past few weeks, our Sixth Form Student Support Officer, Miss Higgins, has been collecting Easter Eggs donated by Rossett School staff and students for an end of term Easter Egg Raffle. The prizes included a £25 donation from the Harrogate & District Sorooptimists ([sigbi.org/harrogate](http://sigbi.org/harrogate)) and a homemade Easter cake from Mrs Megginson. This is to raise money for this year's chosen Sixth Form charities; IDAS and Blood Cancer UK. Congratulations to all the winners!



### Graduation

I am delighted to announce details of the Year 13 Graduation Ceremony. This will take place on the evening of 11<sup>th</sup> May in the main school hall. Refreshments will be served from 17:30 with the ceremony starting at 18:00. The ceremony will include the presentation of Graduation certificates, faculty awards, committee awards. There will also be musical performances and a guest speaker. Students will also be able to collect their leavers hoodies and their yearbooks at the end of the evening.

### Year 11 students

For all Year 11 students and parents/carers reading this newsletter, thank you for everyone who has confirmed that they will be joining Rossett Sixth Form in September 2023. If anyone has any questions at all about Sixth Form, please hesitate to contact Mr Keyworth at [RKeyworth@rossettschool.co.uk](mailto:RKeyworth@rossettschool.co.uk).

Finally, on behalf of the Sixth Form Team, form tutors and the wider Rossett community, I would like to wish our current Year 13 students all the best for the upcoming exams. We look forward to seeing you at the Graduation Ceremony on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May and wish all students the best of luck for the exams starting from 15<sup>th</sup> May.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R Keyworth'.

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